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September is 'We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes Month'

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To commemorate the events of Sept. 11, 2001, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed a proclamation declaring September as “We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes Month” yes-

terday at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

“Today, we honor the tragic events of this day, and those lost and put their lives on the line,” said Torres.

This year marks the 21st anniversary of the Sept. 11 Attacks, as both the private and

the public sector come together to support the families who lost their loved ones.

“The events of September 11, 2001, profoundly affected us all, showing our nation’s

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Tan Holdings CEO and president Jerry Tan, Tan Holdings and Tan Siu Lin Foundation officials, the Commonwealth Ports Authority, the CNMI’s first responders, local dignitaries, sponsors, CNMI government employees, and members of the community gathered yesterday at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport to proclaim the month of September as the “We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes Month” in honor of the 21st anniversary of the Sept. 11 Attacks.

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

All 6 tabulating machines are running well

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All six tabulating machines for the Nov. 8 general elections are running good, according to Commonwealth Election Commission administrative officer Rob-in N. Sablan.



Sablan

Sablan in an interview Wednesday said it is, however, their practice to have a technician from Nebraska-based Election Systems & Software come to Saipan before election day to check the machines to make sure that they don’t malfunction during

the storage after the November 2020 elections.

He said he will follow-up with ES&S as to when the technician is coming.

Sablan said they have two big scanner/tabulating machines and four smaller scanner/tabulating machines.

He said the two smaller machines are going to be sent to

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September 2022 marks Field of Heroes’ 7th Anniversary in The Marianas

TOGETHER, WE CAN

By **CATHERINE ATTAO-TOVES**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Catherine Attao-Toves is the Tan Holdings vice president for Corporate Affairs and Human Resources. Catherine proudly served the Homeland Security/TSA for 14 years, and still carries on the pride in honoring and remembering all community heroes.



Seven years ago, I was tasked with creating an event or experience that our community could look forward to each year, one that could live on after we are gone. It was during this contemplative time that the

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Local

NMI returns to COVID Community Level Low

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force said the CNMI is currently in COVID-19 Community Level Low.

As of Sept. 7, 2022, there are zero individuals hospitalized as a result of COVID-19.

From Aug. 28 to Sept. 3, 2022, CHCC and the task force confirmed there was one new hospitalization related to COVID-19.

In addition 27 additional individuals have been confirmed positive for COVID-19 from Aug. 28 to Sept. 3, 2022, bringing the CNMI total to 13,147 cases. Of the 27 cases recently identified:

- 3 on Aug. 28, 2022
- 13 on Aug. 29, 2022 (1 on Tinian)
- 5 on Aug. 30, 2022
- 4 on Aug. 31, 2022
- 1 on Sept. 2, 2022
- 1 on Sept. 3, 2022

As of Sept. 2, 2022, a total of 24,769 COVID-19 additional/booster vaccine shots have been administered; of the eligible population, 53.8% have received an additional dose.

CHCC and the task force also said 893 COVID-19 tests were conducted from Aug. 28 to Sept. 3, 2022:

- 35 on Aug. 28, 2022
- 433 on Aug. 29, 2022
- 209 on Aug. 30, 2022
- 87 on Aug. 31, 2022
- 61 on Sept. 1, 2022
- 38 on Sept. 2, 2022

■ 30 on Sept. 3, 2022
Of the total cases identified, as of Sept. 3, 2022:

- 13,096 recoveries
- 11 active cases
- 40 COVID-19-related deaths

Identified via:

- 11,971 community testing
- 1,176 travel testing

Guidelines for residents of the CNMI to consider while the islands are in COVID-19 Community Level Low are the following:

■ Stay up to date on vaccination, including recommended booster doses.

■ Maintain ventilation improvements.

■ Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

■ Follow the recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

■ If you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions.

Residents of the CNMI who test positive for COVID-19 may be eligible for treatment by calling (670) 234-8950, ext. 5068, or reporting their positive test result online at www.staysafecnmi.com/self-reporting as soon as possible after testing positive. (PR)

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Manglona, CEC support passage of bill that seeks efficient elections

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Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) said Wednesday that the Senate should pass a House of Representatives bill that seeks to amend several sections of the NMI Election Law in order to have efficient elections.

Manglona in an interview said the Senate should pass the legislation, H. B. 22-99, HD1, way before the election day of Nov. 8.

The House passed the legislation last July 18 and was transmitted that same day to Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian).

The Senate Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations Committee chaired by Sen. Karl R. King-Nabors (R-Tinian) is handling the bill. As of press time, *Saipan Tribune* was still waiting for comments from King-Nabors.

Manglona said it's a legislation similar to what the Legislature passed two years ago for the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's going to save a lot of time and processing hours," he said.

The senator said in the past election, the processing of absentee ballots consumed a lot of time and therefore the election results were not announced to the public until the next day.

"So if they allow that bill to go through if I'm not mistaken, the bill allows for the receipt of the absentee ballots prior to the last day," Manglona said.

In response to *Saipan Tribune's* inquiry, House vice speaker Rep. Blas Jonathan T. Attao (R-Saipan), who is the author of the bill, said Tuesday that he was not sure what Senate committee is handling the bill, or if the Senate leadership even sent it to a committee.

"But I'm sure the Senate members are aware of the tasks by the Election Commission," Attao pointed out.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol said last week that the bill will expedite the process as they will, among other things, be able to process absentee ballots seven

days prior to election day.

"We're able to tabulate early voting and absentee ballots on election day so it really does speed up the process," Igitol said.

She said she has been communicating with some senators about the bill.

Attao stated in the bill that Public Law 21-34 signed into law on Sept. 22, 2020, suspended certain CNMI election laws for the 2020 general election to mitigate public health risks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said that law adjusted the early voting time and added more polling places, extended the hours of operations for early voting and election day, and authorized curbside voting and procedures.

Attao said the law also authorized CEC to collect absentee ballots seven days before the general elections and 14 days after, and gave CEC flexibility to make changes to the election procedures if necessary to mitigate public health risk.

He noted that Public Law 21-34 contained a sunset provision that automatically expired on Nov. 18, 2020 or after the certification of the general election results, whichever was later.

The vice speaker said certain expired amendments proved beneficial and advantageous to CEC.

Under Attao's bill, no less than two persons, one of whom shall be designated by the CEC board chair and the other of whom shall be designated by the CEC executive director, shall go to the designated post office in each senatorial district to collect absentee ballots commencing on the seventh day prior to the general elections and ending on the day of the general elections.

Two persons as designated by the CEC shall compare the signature of the voter on the application for absentee ballot with that on the affidavit and the registration. The current law requires the commission to compare the signature.

Under Attao's legislation, if the signatures appear to be the

same person, if the affidavit is properly completed, and if the envelope is sealed and it does not appear to have been tampered with, the notation OK shall be placed on the return envelope and shall be initialed by the two persons designated by the commission to process the absentee envelopes. The current law requires initials by no less than five commission members.

Under the bill, two signatures of the persons designated by the commission constitute a verification of the discrepancy noted as the cause of re-

jection on the return envelope. The current law requires five signatures of the commission.

Under the legislation, if the two persons designated by the commission do not agree, the envelope shall be forwarded to the tabulating committee where a majority of the committee will vote to accept or reject the ballot.

If the ballot is rejected, the reason for such rejection shall be written on the envelope. If it is accepted, it shall be counted.

A permanent polling place for early voting must remain open during the hours of

8:30am to 5pm on weekdays and 8:30am to 5pm on Saturdays, and holidays. Polling places may be closed on Sundays at the discretion of the CEC.

CEC may amend the voting days and hours as necessary to accommodate emergency early voting.

The use of electronic devices for recording or taking pictures of the ballot are not allowed within the voting booths.

The accounting of early voting ballots may begin any time after early voting is closed and

the counting and tabulation committee is formed.

The accounting of absentee ballots may begin after the first pickup of the ballots on the day of the election or runoff-election provided that the verification of received absentee ballots is completed.

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Bill filed to allow NMTI to benefit from ETC

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Sen. Justo S. Quitugua (R-Saipan) has introduced a bill that will include the Northern Marianas Technical Institute as a qualified educational institution to benefit from the education tax credit.

Quitugua stated in the bill that NMTI, as a private entity, is included in a statute as a qualified educational institution and was able to benefit from the education tax credit.

Quitugua, however, said Public Law 20-92 established the NMTI, as a government entity, requires the need to specifically include the NMTI to qualify and benefit from the education tax credit.

The senator's Senate Bill 22-78 will amend Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 2, Section 1205 of the Commonwealth Code to include NMTI as

an educational institution to benefit from the education tax credit.

Under the Commonwealth Code,

qualified educational institution refers to the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, an edu-

UOG master's program for accountants to commence soon

The University of Guam School of Business and Public Administration is inviting accounting professionals to consider the 100% online Master of Accountancy program commencing this Fanuchanan (Fall) semester on Nov. 28.

The new graduate degree program's curriculum offers courses in professional accounting research, financial analysis and valuation, corporate governance and ethics, advanced auditing and forensic accounting, information systems and data analytics.

The program allows accounting professionals who plan on seeking Guam licensure and practicing as a Certified

Public Accountant to meet the 150 credit hours required under Guam law.

"It is a great opportunity for UOG to serve the community and this is one way – by offering the master's program," said Doreen T. Crisostomo-Muña, Ph.D., professor of accounting at SBPA. Having a master's degree for accountants helps build their portfolio, Crisostomo-Muña said.

Graduate students can complete the program in a year. The program's online feature allows graduate students from Guam, the rest of the Micronesia region, and prospective students from foreign countries who meet the education requirements for

acceptance to enroll without having to relocate or pause their jobs.

"This program is delivered fully online – providing the flexibility that working professionals need," said Martha Suez-Sales, Ph.D., the program's chairperson.

There will be an information session via Zoom at 7pm on Sept. 15. The application deadline is Sept. 30, 2022.

Roseann Jones, Ph.D., professor of economics and division head of UOG's Business Administration Division, said the new master's pro-

gram shows the division's commitment toward the professional development of Guam's workforce.

"It is really great to have this specialized Master of Accountancy program. We have a terrific accountant clientele base who have supported our students over the years, and this just takes this to a whole new level and we are really excited about that," Jones said.

For more information about the master's program, go to <https://landing.uog.edu/master-of-accountancy>.

To express interest in the Zoom information session on Sept. 15, email the program chair suez-salesm@triton.uog.edu. (**UOG**)

TOGETHER

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Field of Heroes was born, and we've held it every year since. The Field of Heroes was the first of its kind in the Marianas, and it has evolved over the past seven years into something truly special and unique.

Before planning the Field of Heroes, I remember coming across an article that introduced the concept of a healing field, a designated safe and comfortable place where people can honor the fallen and heal as a community. The Field of Healing is a sacred space where anyone can go to meditate, pray, reflect, reconnect, and heal after suffering a loss, while also honoring and remembering our community heroes who are still here today. During this time, the war in Afghanistan was at its peak and our local Echo Company was about to embark on their second deployment, and I felt that a healing field is what our community needed.

Originally, Field of Heroes was a significant way to honor our 9/11 community heroes, but as time went on, we expanded on the concept of what it means to be a community hero. Our first responders have come to our aid in times of disaster and need, and now, the pandemic. Through the Field of Heroes, we recognize their valuable effort because our community wouldn't be as strong as it is today without their support.

The Field of Heroes has grown over the years, and our community has looked forward to embracing the flags that have provided a sense of comfort and healing. I've always believed that as every year approaches, people start to understand the concept a little more.

Because of the positive results in previous years, we've extended the time for the flags to be flown, and families can now enjoy the 650 flags—each one representing a local hero—flying on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for 30 days rather than two weeks. The United States flags have been installed at three locations since Aug. 31 and will be up until the end of September: American Memorial Park on Saipan, the Veterans Memo-

rial Park on Tinian, and the Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. Rota Veterans Memorial Park on Rota.

We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes Support

We're so grateful to partner with the Northern Marianas Humanities Council which has been a great supporter of the Field of Heroes. The NMI Humanities Council has been a huge supporter over the years because they have a program dedicated to the health and wellness of the CNMI's community heroes and their families. We appreciate the Humanities Council's initiative to lead activities and raise awareness of issues affecting the islands' community heroes.

I'd like to also acknowledge the 26 sponsors that have contributed to this year's Field of Heroes event. The presenting sponsors include Tan Holdings and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and the Heritage sponsor is J.C. Tenorio Enterprises. Field sponsors include the National Park Service/American Memorial Park, the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan, and the Office of the Mayor of Rota. The Stars and Stripes sponsors are Bank of Guam, First Hawaiian Bank, E-Land Group, IT&E, GPPC, Triple J, Matson, and The Marianas Variety. Patron sponsors include Bridge Capital, LLC, D&Q, Docomo Pacific, Hotel Valentino, and Hyatt Regency, JET Holdings Co., Mar Pac, Inc., McDonald's of Saipan, the Saipan Mayor's Office, Pacific Insurance Underwriters, Inc., and Shirley's Coffee Shop. Other sponsors include Sorensen Media Group/Power 99, City Trust Bank, Traders Insurance, and National Office Supply.

I warmly invite our community to join us this Saturday, Sept. 10, for the We Will Never Forget Motorcade to ride in unity and express our appreciation for all our community heroes—first responders, law enforcement officers, and our military and veterans. For those who can't participate in the motorcade, I encourage our community to participate by waving, decorating, or placing up signs along the roadside of the convoy route.

The We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes Convoy route will be the following:

■ Starting from the American Memorial Park (AMP) parking lot, turn left on "Micro Beach Road" and proceed to Beach Road.

■ Turn right at the 3-way stop to proceed south on Beach Road.

■ Proceed onto Koblerville Road, turn right at the Tototville stop.

■ Proceed on Chalan Monsignor Martinez and turn right at the Route 32 traffic light, and head to the Saipan International Airport.

■ Turn right at the entrance to the airport and proceed through the "Departure and Arrival," go straight on the Terminal Loop passing the POI Aviation building and turn right.

■ Proceed to Chalan Tun Herman Pan Road and turn right at traffic lights to go up to San Vicente.

■ Proceed on Route 31, Isa Drive to Capital Hill and Sadog Tasi.

■ Turn left at the traffic light, going south on Chalan Pale Arnold Road.

■ Turn right at the Commonwealth Healthcare Center traffic light and back to AMP.

Honoring and remembering our community heroes

We are all aware of the sacrifices that our first responders make, whether it was 21 years ago or a year ago, one thing remains constant: our community heroes' dedication to their sworn duties is everlasting.

Being a former law enforcement officer, we understand the decision to serve the community and keep the public safe. As a family member, there's a deep calling, one that has to be answered and we accept the duties and possible risk our loved ones take in their choice of service.

We want our community heroes to know that our community appreciates and honors their decision to uphold the responsibility of keeping us safe and saving lives every day. As we honor and remember our frontliners, we'd like to give the utmost thanks to our Marianas for all the sacrifices they make for the betterment of our community. Together, We Can!

For more information, visit the GCEA website at cnmieconomy.com. Engage with the council on Facebook and Instagram (@cnmigov.economy) or contact them at gceacnmi@gmail.com.



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From left, Martha Suez-Sales, Ph.D., chair of the Master of Accountancy program at the University of Guam School of Business and Public Administration; Doreen T. Crisostomo-Muña, Ph.D., professor of accounting; and Roseann Jones, Ph.D., professor of economics and head of UOG's Business Administration Division gather for a photo on campus Sept. 8, 2022.

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Tinian and Rota, while the two big machines are only for Saipan.

He said the two remaining smaller machines will be on standby on Saipan in case the other smaller one breaks down.

Sablan said by using the smaller machines, they can post the unofficial results at the Tinian and Rota airports.

He said the CEC official will then hand carry the ballots and the machines from Tinian and Rota to the tabulation center on Saipan.

Sablan said the ballots will eventually be inserted into the two big machines for the official result.

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resilience in the face of tragedy, unifying and strengthening our resolve against global terrorism; and each year, citizens across our nation honor and remember those who lost their lives during these tragic events...and we continue to offer support to the families who lost loved ones in the devastating events of that day through prayer and reflection," he said.

Torres was joined in the proclamation signing yesterday by Tan Holdings vice president for Corporate Affairs and Human Resources, Catherine Attao-Toves, who spearheaded the event, along with Tan Holdings president and CEO Jerry Tan, acting Saipan mayor Ana Demapan-Castro, Transportation Security Administration director Gary Myers, and Tan Holdings Corporate Business Development vice president Alex Sablan.

"We want to always bring into the attention of the community so that even the young people can remember what happened 21 years ago. This is important not only for us adults

but also young people to understand what sacrifices happened in this event," said Tan.

Sablan pointed out that Attao-Toves should earn more praise for coordinating the event.

"[Catherine] brought the idea that what occurred on 9/11 and honoring those who perished, and also our first responders heroes, and so we come together and to use this day to honor those individuals who put their time and effort to keep us safe," said Sablan.

"It's a great event for remembrance and sacrifices for the people who passed away," said Myers.

Myers also said he feels blessed that his employees earned the praise and recognition, as they worked under him for almost 20 years.

The whole community is invited to join the "We Will Never Forget Motorcade" tomorrow, Sept. 10, starting at 9am at the American Memorial Park, as they continue to honor, remember, and be thankful for the oath that was sworn by firefighters, police, emergency medical technicians, enforcement officers, first responders, military, and veterans.

Another NMC graduate passes NCLEX-RN

Aldionne Maglanque, a Northern Marianas College nursing graduate, recently passed the challenging National Council Licensure Examination

for Registered Nurses or NCLEX-RN. The 2022 graduate now joins the long list of NMC graduates who also passed the exam.

"We are extremely proud of Aldionne's accomplishments as well as the other nursing students who have been able to reach this important milestone of passing the NCLEX," said NMC president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

The NCLEX-RN tests an individual's nursing knowledge, skills and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. The exam is used by nursing boards in all U.S. states and territories to award nursing licenses.

"This is an amazing accom-

plishment," NMC Nursing Department chair Rosa Aldan said.

"Aldionne has a bright future in the nursing field and we expect to see great things from her as her educational and professional journey continues."

Although it was difficult, Maglanque said that being able to enter into the nursing field is rewarding.

"I've always wanted to pursue nursing because I knew I

wanted to make a difference in and serve my community, whether that be by nurturing those in need or by educating people to live healthier, better lifestyles," Maglanque said.



Maglanque

Maglanque added that her family, friends, and her instructors at NMC contributed to her success with the NCLEX.

"[The NCLEX] was difficult, but the continual support from my family and friends always pushed me to keep going," Maglanque said. "I cannot thank NMC, my in-

structors, and my classmates enough for the many ways they have encouraged me since the start."

For students planning to take the NCLEX-RN, Maglanque advises them that they will be well prepared for the exam after completing NMC's nursing program.

"Find a study method that works and stick to that. But most of all, believe in yourself and be confident," Maglanque said.

For more information about NMC's nursing program, email NMC Nursing Department chair Rosa T. Aldan at rosa.aldan@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NAP Office closed today

The Nutrition Assistance Program Office will be closed during the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 at 12pm in observance of pre-Labor Day administrative leave.

The NAP Office will resume operations on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022.

'21VS' Sept. 19 jury selection canceled

This is to inform all prospective jurors on panel "21VS" that the Jury Selection scheduled for Monday, Sept. 19, 2022 at 8:30 am is hereby canceled. For further information, contact clerk of court Patrick Diaz at Superior Court at telephone no. 670-236-9783 or 670-783-8522. (PR)

Kalabera Cave closes for repairs

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) under the CNMI Office of the Governor would like to inform the general public that Kalabera Cave will be closed for the safety of the community and visitors until repairs and improvements are completed. (PR)

DPL closed today

The CNMI Department of Public Lands would like to

inform the general public that the DPL office will be closed today, Sept. 9, 2022 for Staff Professional Development Day. The DPL office will resume normal operations on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022. (PR)

VA health care enrollment drive

On Sept. 14, 15, and 16, staff from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will visit the Saipan Veterans Affairs clinic to help all eligible veterans enroll in VA health care.

All veterans who may qualify should enroll, even if you don't plan on using the Veterans Affairs health care. Enrolling with Veterans Affairs is a service to our veteran community, because a larger pool of registered vets will help support more Veterans Affairs services in the Marianas.

The upcoming enrollment push is a result of the passage of the PACT Act I cosponsored securing access to life-saving care for the 3.5 million veterans exposed to deadly toxins in the line of duty. Learn more about eligibility here and contact your congressional offices on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for assistance. (PR)

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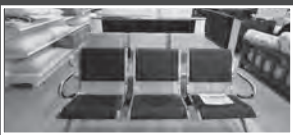
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September is National Recovery Month



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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is joined by Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and the Substance Abuse Addictions and Rehabilitation program officials and staff after designating September as National Recovery Month last Wednesday at the Governor's Office on Capitol Hill.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres designated September as National

Recovery Month with the theme "Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community."

Torres signed the proclama-

tion in the presence of officials from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and the Substance Abuse Addictions and Rehabilitation program last Wednesday at the Governor's Office on Capitol Hill.

"This month, we renew our commitment to helping the people that are going through these challenges. Every single day is another chance at life, and another chance to make things better. We must continue the work of supporting our loved ones, neighbors, and friends struggling here in the CNMI. To our people in need, you are not alone. Whatever your struggle is, there are people out there willing to help. Together, with the right treatment and the strength of our community, we can move forward with healing and recovery," said Torres.

The proclamation designating September as the National Recovery Month reminded each individual that the journey in recovery from substance abuse, especially relating to mental health, was common and those affected are not alone.

The proclamation also encouraged individuals who know someone struggling with addictions, to get proper help and be a support in the journey to recovery.

During the proclamation signing, it was mentioned that the effect of substance use disorder in relation to mental health in the nation was extremely common showing that "70% of users who try an illegal drug before age 13 develop a substance use disorder within the next 7 years, compared to 27% of those who try an illegal drug after age 17."

Locally, since the inception of the CNMI's Blue-Ribbon Initiative in 2020, the CHCC Community Guidance Center's Addiction Services Unit has reportedly seen a "60% increase in the number of referrals for intensive outpatient services."

The CNMI's sole substance abuse residential treatment provider, the HOPE Recovery Center, reports that the greatest intake for services are self-referrals at 53%; stating their aim is to promote and support evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, with a mission to raise in the CNMI, a strong recovery community, supported by dedicated of service providers and community members.

The overall goal and reason behind the designation of recovery month was to help the community in raising awareness, and educating communities about the effective services that are available for those affected by mental health and substance use disorder, also spreading the hopeful message that people can and do recover every day.

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The CDC recommends that everyone ages 12 years and older get an updated COVID-19 bivalent booster, when eligible. People ages 12 years and older who received a primary series, including those who received a monovalent booster dose(s), are recommended to receive 1 updated (bivalent) booster dose. For people ages 12 years and older, the only authorized messenger RNA (mRNA) booster is

the updated (bivalent) booster. People ages 12 years and older can no longer get the original (monovalent) mRNA booster. Children ages 5 – 11 who received the Pfizer-BioNTech primary series are eligible for 1 monovalent booster dose.

Individuals are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines if they have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for them by the CDC. No booster doses are currently authorized for individuals below 5 years of age.

According to the CDC, the bivalent vaccine product is based on the original (ancestral) strain of SARS-CoV-2 and the omicron BA.4 and BA.5 variants of SARS-CoV-2.

Eligible individuals can obtain a COVID-19 primary or booster shot by calling the CHCC

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COVID-19 vaccines are also available at the following locations:

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■ Medical Associates of the Pacific, call (670) 323-9000

■ Marianas Medical Center, call (670) 234-3926

■ Tinian Health Center, call (670) 433-9233

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COVID-19 vaccines have undergone and continue to undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. Side effects after getting a COVID-19 vaccine

can vary from person to person. They generally go away in a few days. Some people experience a little discomfort and can continue to go about their day. Others have side effects that affect their ability to do daily activities. Even if a person does not experience any side effects, their body is building protection.

For more information about CHCC programs, follow @cnmichcc on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter; visit <https://www.chcc.health>; or call (670) 234-8950. (PR)

GEDA: Economist's views are conservative

TAMUNING, Guam—The Guam Economic Development Authority respectfully disagrees with a recent article concerning Guam's economic progress.

"When Guam Economic Development Authority visits with investors, we make our best efforts to tell a complete story about the economy. In a recent article in the *Guam Pacific Daily News*, a reporter quoted some opinions followed up by data by well respected economist and professor, Dr. Claret Ruane. We believe her views to be highly conservative and not taking into account the many factors that contribute to the economic recovery of our island," said Melanie Mendiola, CEO/Administrator of GEDA.

While GEDA appreciates and respects Ruane's academic point of view, the agency believes her forecasts in this matter to err on a much more conservative front. In 2019, she projected negative to flat growth. Instead, growth was documented at 2.5% by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). In 2020, when tourism was gutted, Dr. Ruane projected as much as a 18.9% retraction, but BEA documented GDP to be at a negative 11.9%, cushioned by growth in government and federal construction spending.

Since then, GEDA said the Department of Public Works has approved nearly five times the volume of work than previous years' average, likely a combination of pent up COVID demand and a slightly easing labor supply. This is not inclusive of work on military bases of which, \$571.2 million authorized in the 2021 NDAA and \$765 million on the table for FY2022.

GEDA added tourism continues to emerge from its nadir, with the support of multiple programs federal and local including PPP, EIDL, Pandemic Assistance Grants, Commercial Rent Assistance Grants, and LEAP. Tourism

numbers are performing ahead of projection and while we are not where we were pre pandemic, resources have been allocated to the airport and GVB. Additionally, employment numbers across all sectors are up with overall unemployment around 5%.

"We very much appreciate Dr. Ruane's clarification concerning the spending of ARPA which she originally forecasted to take place over one year versus the four years allowed by statute. ARPA funding is intended to be disbursed over four years with a final commitment date of 2024," said GEDA.

To clarify, GEDA said the use of ARPA interest, interest earned on ARPA funds (and there is not \$577 million in the bank account as funds have been disbursed as shown in the published monthly report) may be retained by the government of Guam, by exception, and is added to the available ARPA funds—not the General Fund.

"Currently, there is about \$303 million in an interest earning account but interest rates have been less than 1% only recently increasing. We have earned about \$0.6 million to date from deposited balances. These funds, although supporting ARPA funded commitments, cannot be significant to the big economic picture.

GEDA continuously involves multiple stakeholders in its planning and execution of economic recovery efforts, including the Guam Chamber of Commerce, Women's Chamber, Chinese Chamber, Korean Chamber, GHRA, and multiple individual businesses and stakeholders who volunteer their time towards the recovery efforts of our island.

"We are happy to have Dr. Ruane's data to add to the body of work on economic recovery being undertaken by the University of Guam, the Government of Guam, and our many private sector partners," it said. (PR)

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Germaine Deleon Guerrero weaves a coconut frond hat at the Hafa Adai-Tirow cultural experience on Sept. 6, 2022, at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

Hafa Adai-Tirow Tuesdays and Thursdays in Garapan

Petlas Marianas and Refaluwasch Warriors are scheduled to present Chamorro and Carolinian dances from 7pm to 8pm during Hafa Adai-Tirow Tuesdays and Thursdays cultural experience in Garapan.

The cultural experience highlights indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian culture and is held twice a week at the Carolinian Utt along the beach. The event is organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority, Carolinian Affairs Office, and Indigenous Affairs Office as an evening attraction for visitors and residents.

Arts and crafts, traditional and contemporary performing arts, and food sales are part of every evening. Entry is free.

"Hafa Adai-Tirow Tuesdays and Thursdays provides indigenous cultural experiences for our visitors, and we warmly welcome all of them to stop by during their visit to The Marianas," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo.

For more information, please contact Carolinian Affairs Office Project Coordinator Agatha Ketebengang at outreach.cao@gmail.com or 1.670.234.6384. (PR)



Melchy Billy weaves a bead *lighututu* necklace at the Hafa Adai-Tirow cultural experience on Sept. 6, 2022, at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROJECT NO. CPA-TS-001-22

TINIAN PERIMETER FENCE REPLACEMENT TINIAN HARBOR

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract for the replacement of seaport perimeter fence, Tinian Harbor, Tinian Island. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and/or products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone (NMIAC §40-50-225 (a)). The Scope of Work and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning **September 02, 2022**, upon payment of \$100.00 in cash, cashier's check or certified check to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the Tinian International Airport CPA conference room on **September 16, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.** The conference is not mandatory, but proposers submitting their proposals are requested to attend.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor-Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than **4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, OCTOBER 07, 2022**. Proposals received after the date/time indicated above will not be opened and will be returned to the Proposer.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**
Executive Director

September 02, 2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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This IFB is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including chapter 40-50-205, Invitation for Bids, is applicable to the process followed by the IFB.

Bid Package will be available for pick up beginning August 24, 2022, upon payment of fifty (\$50.00) dollars in cash, cashier's check or certified check to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

Bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport until **2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, Friday, September 23, 2022**.

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Britain has a new government led by women. Vanquishing Boris Johnson will be the least of its problems

Britain has a new prime minister in Liz Truss, who journeyed Tuesday to Balmoral, Scotland, for her first official audience with a queen who prefers not to travel these days but still is constitutionally required to invite commoners to form a new government. The unusual location far from London was fair enough, given that the aged monarch was meeting the 15th prime minister of her 70-year reign.

Truss' predecessor, Boris Johnson, also made the journey to Scotland to tender his resignation. Impish character that he is, Johnson's farewell address was notable for his likening himself to Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus, the virtuous Roman farmer and statesman whose name was memorialized in Ohio's Queen City and whose leadership was seen as a calling from the people, not a consequence of personal ambition.

"Like Cincinnatus I am returning to my plow," Johnson said Tuesday, surely aware that Cincinnatus returned to power a second time, plow conveniently set aside.

But then Johnson also has a vested interest in rebranding his legacy as something other than the guy who partied in the basement of 10 Downing Street while ordinary Britons couldn't attend funerals of those they loved. Cincinnatus is as good a metaphor as any for that, even if few Britons will be fooled.

Truss, who lacks Johnson's bouncy, cartoonish personality and probably the Teflon that long surrounded him, has to act like Farmer Boris will be a permanent condition, forthcoming memoir notwithstanding. She has announced that her deputy prime minister will be Theresa Coffey, and, adding Wendy Morton as the new chief Tory whip, that means more women will be in high offices in this new Conservative Party government than ever before.

That's a notable moment in world history. In the upper echelons of British power, white men suddenly are in notably short supply. This will be far and away the most diverse Western government, far more so than U.S. Republicans or Democrats have achieved to date.

For most ordinary people, though, Truss will be expected to focus first on the cost-of-living crisis and its most troubling constituent, the energy crisis. This will require her to depart from some Conservative market orthodoxies, and she has signaled a willingness to do so, as well she should.

Truss is expected to borrow money in order to freeze residential energy bills for two years at no more than £2,500 a year (about \$2,875) or £2,100 (\$2,415) after prior govern-

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US political dynasties are in decline. That's something to celebrate

The slow fade-out of dynastic politics in the U.S. is continuing in 2022. Just in the last few weeks, Nick Begich III was defeated for the Alaska House seat his grandfather once held; his uncle was also a senator from Alaska. And in New York, State Senator Alessandra Biaggi, whose grandfather served in the U.S. House, failed to win a House seat.

Yet the most high-profile development this year is the apparent political demise of the Bush family, with Texas Land Commissioner George P. attempting to move up to state attorney general and getting squashed by a better than 2-to-1 margin in the Republican primary. It's possible that George P. or another 4th-generation Bush will have a robust political future, but given the family's opposition to former President Donald Trump, that isn't so likely (George P. Bush himself supported Trump and tried to get his endorsement, but few were surprised when that didn't happen.)

This follows the 2020 defeat of Joe Kennedy III, the grandson of former Senator Robert F. Kennedy, in a Massachusetts Senate primary, potentially ending the storied family's reign in politics. Two years ago, there was a Cuomo as governor of New York and a Cheney in the House leadership. Not anymore. Nancy Pelosi, whose father was mayor of Baltimore, is still speaker of the House and remains the most prominent legacy politician in the U.S., but she probably won't hold that position for too much longer.

Using a loose definition of dynasty, I counted 14 dynastic politicians in the current Senate—down from 22 a decade ago. The decline is set to continue. Missouri's Roy Blunt, whose father served in the state legislature (and whose son was governor of Missouri) is retiring. Among open-seat Senate candidates and challengers with a realistic chance of winning in November, only one—Nevada's Adam Laxalt—is a legacy politician. And his opponent, incumbent Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, is herself a legacy politician whose father was a Clark County, Nevada, elected official. That means we'll wind up with at most 13 dynastic senators in the next session.

At the presidential level, 2020 was a rare election in which neither major party ticket had a dynastic politician, and the Biden-Harris administration is the third consecutive one without a legacy president or vice president. That hadn't happened for more than a century.

There are still dynastic politicians around. Even new ones: In Arkansas, Sarah Huckabee Sanders is virtually certain to become the governor, a seat her father held. She'll be succeeding Asa Hutchinson, who himself followed his brother into Congress. There's a Sununu who is governor of New Hampshire; members of the Lujan family currently serve as governor and

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senator from New Mexico. But overall, the number of dynastic elected officials is shrinking.

That's a good thing. Yes, there have been plenty of excellent politicians in the US who hailed from political families, most notably Franklin Delano Roosevelt. George H.W. Bush was a good president whose father was a senator; John F. Kennedy was a good president and a dynastic politician whose younger brother, Ted Kennedy, was one of the most productive senators ever. Pelosi has surely been the most successful House speaker in at least 50 years.(1) There are many others, going all the way back to John Quincy Adams.

As legacy politicians leave the scene, their successors increasingly are people who historically had been shut out of the political system. That is something we should all celebrate. Of course, when political scions are replaced by celebrities or by the children of wealthy families, it's harder to claim that we're making progress.

Still, there was always something slightly strange about a republic in which legacy politicians dominated. We didn't need Lin-Manuel Miranda to tell us that politicians who succeed without any family connections seem like a better reflection of the nation's ideals—and that opening up politics to people from all sorts of backgrounds tends to make the nation more true to its democratic principles, whether that means electing Abe Lincoln or Dwight Eisenhower or Ronald Reagan or Barack Obama or Joe Biden.

There are a lot of things going wrong with American democracy right now. But the demise of dynastic politics is something to celebrate.

(1) In other words, she's the most successful modern speaker. The modern position was created by a string of reforms from the late 1950s through the early 1970s that transformed the House and the speaker's job. The House changed from a chamber run by largely independent committees and their powerful committee chairs to a body that is run by the majority party - which made the speaker, as the leader of the majority party, a much more important figure than pre-reform speakers.

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The CNMI's non-performing economy

By JOSE S. DELA CRUZ
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First of a two-part series

Aside from the issue of competency in commonwealth government leadership, a second major issue confronting the people of the CNMI is the Commonwealth's non-performing economy. The CNMI economy has been stagnant since 2006, soon after the departure of the garment industry the year before. And as we know, no governmental system—whether national, state or local—could operate for a long time without a sound economy.

What has sustained the CNMI financially over the past 15 years or so have been the millions and millions of dollars in federal financial assistance, aid, and grant monies that we have received and have been receiving from the federal government, especially during the past five years. They include, among the many federal grant monies received, the substantial federal fundings from ARPA, PUA, and FEMA. Absent such federal financial aid and assistance, the CNMI as a self-governing political entity would very likely have been bankrupt by now.

The best evidence we have regarding the CNMI's non-performing economy has been the steep decline in the amount of locally generated revenues that the CNMI Legislature appropriated for CNMI government operations for each of the past three fiscal years: FY 2020, FY 2021, and FY 2022. The annual amount of locally generated tax revenue appropriated by the Legislature for government operations for each of those three years dipped to around \$110 million, a far cry from the annual appropriations budget of roughly \$250 million during the mid-1990s.

There are, of course, several major shortcomings that make it difficult for the CNMI to develop and maintain a sound and productive economy. First, unlike the much larger and more-developed countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, the CNMI is

very small in comparison, both in terms of population and in terms of land area. Thus, for the CNMI to develop and grow its small, insular economy, it literally has to piggyback on the economic coattails of our economically developed neighboring countries, such as Japan and South Korea and occasionally, but so far unsuccessfully, China.

It is very difficult for the CNMI to develop a sound economy all by itself, not only for the two reasons just noted—our small population and our small land area—but also because there are several other factors adversely affecting our ability to develop and sustain a productive economy. The third factor, of course, is our enormous distance from the continental United States and from the rest of the world.

There is also a fourth but very important factor affecting our ability to develop a successful economy. And that is the absence of local capital that the CNMI needs in order to invest in and start a new industry or to sustain an existing one. In the past, for example, we have had to rely almost entirely on investors from Japan and Korea in order to develop our hotel and visitor industry.

More recently, we have turned to Chinese investors from Macao and Hong Kong to start the Saipan casino industry. Unfortunately, that industry failed not more than five years after the idea for a Saipan casino industry was hatched by our political leaders. The casino industry failed either because of lack of sufficient funding to complete the construction of the casino complex in Garapan or because of the COVID-19 public health pandemic that halted world travel and stymied the world economy for over two years; or both.

In addition, there is also a fifth reason that has hindered economic growth and development of the CNMI. That is, of course,

the lack of adequate manpower, both skilled and unskilled workers, that are needed to run and operate any industry that is planning to set up shop in the CNMI. The CNMI does not have enough manpower to service even the existing visitor industry, let alone service any new industry that is introduced to the islands. Indeed, that was one of the reasons why the CNMI's now defunct garment industry had to transplant to the CNMI about 16,000 garment workers from China in order to operate the garment industry in the CNMI between 1986 and 2004. We had no skilled garment workers in the CNMI to operate such an industry.

CNMI political leaders should, therefore, examine and address these five shortcomings (and maybe a few others, such as the lack of natural resources that we could exploit) that adversely affects and hinders the introduction and development of any new industry in the CNMI. Our political and business leaders must figure out what needs be done to overcome these shortcomings, if the CNMI is to develop a sound economic base and make any potential industry in the CNMI competitive and successful. And we should know by now that only by being competitive with the economies of other places in the Asia-Pacific region could the CNMI develop and sustain its own local economy. When that becomes a reality, only then would we begin to generate the revenue that the CNMI needs to, among other things, operate the Commonwealth government and provide essential public service and employment for the people of the CNMI.

To be continued

Jose S. Dela Cruz is a former chief justice of the CNMI Supreme Court.

Citizens are united and legislators don't represent us

According to the most recent data from Pew Research Center, National Election Studies, Gallup, ABC/The Washington Post, CBS/New York Times and CNN polls, only one-fifth of Americans say they trust the federal government to do what is right. The June 12 headline from a NBC News article sums it up: "Americans agree on one thing: DC isn't getting the job done."

Thanks to tainted social media, prejudice-laden cable news, biased left- and right-wing think tanks and the disinformation and misinformation provided by politicians and their parties, one can only surmise Americans are greatly divided.

The surprising reality is Democrats, Republicans and independents agree on more issues—about 150—than they disagree.

Here are some examples:

Abortion: Sixty-one percent of Americans think abortion should be legal in all or most cases (Pew Research Center, June 13).

Gender issues: Gallup notes in a 2022 report that 71% of Americans support marriage between people of the same sex.

Gun control: Background checks are favored by 89% of the public. Banning assault weapons has 63% support, while 64% want to ban high-capacity magazines and 60% want a nationwide database to track gun sales (ABC News, May 27).

Immigration: Sixty-two percent of Americans feel immigrants strengthen the country; a complete reversal of the position expressed in 1994 (Pew Research Center, Jan. 31, 2019).

Voting: Data for Progress reveals 66% of voters want to prevent state lawmakers from overturning elections, while 60% support universal vote-by-mail and a majority want to make it easier to vote (Sept. 24, 2021).

Health care: Providing Medicare for all Americans to ensure everyone has health care coverage garners 69% support (The Hill, Apr. 24, 2020).

Cannabis: NORML reveals from its Apr. 8 research that 69% of Americans support legalizing cannabis plus 60% favor expunging cannabis-related convictions.

Racial justice: Eighty-six percent of citizens agree that racism is a problem and 87% believe books that discuss race or slavery should never be banned (CBS News, Feb. 22).

Taxes: An Oct. 16, 2021, Vox article notes 71% of voters support raising taxes on the wealthiest 2% of Americans.

The Program for Public Consultation at the University of Maryland released an Aug. 7, 2020, report identifying nearly 150 issues on which the majority of Republicans and Democrats

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agree, including:

Social Security: Raising the cap on income subject to the payroll tax to \$215,000 or more.

Poverty programs: Increasing funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Energy and environment: Reducing U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 2% a year and providing tax incentives to promote clean energy.

Government reform: Overturning the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision and regulating campaign financing.

International trade: The United States should continue participating in the World Trade Organization and rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership that former President Donald Trump abandoned in 2017.

Federal budget: Roll back the tax cuts from Trump's 2017 tax bill, impose a 4% surtax on income over \$5 million and add a 1% surtax on corporate income over \$100 million.

Let's face it. Polarization has largely been brought on by political parties wanting to be in control and—let's not forget—ego-driven and power-hungry politicians.

Examine the 15 issues identified above and note if your legislator is working counter to the will of the people. If so, vote the bums out. If your legislator's voting record is in accordance with the majority of Americans, do your level best to insure their re-election.

Americans of all political persuasions are together on over 150 issues. But, now—more so than ever—we must have legislators who represent us before their party. For them to do otherwise is a dereliction of duty.

BRITAIN

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ment intervention is considered, thus averting a ballooning crisis that threatened to send millions of people into food insecurity but coming at a cost estimated to be over £100 billion (\$115 billion).

Truss also has promised to cut billions of dollars in taxes, potentially including a cut in VAT, a tax on consumption. Her plan worries some in the Biden administration, given the possibility of her cutting corporate tax rates below the 15% that Biden's team wants as an international floor, even though that might not be in the best interests of other nations.

And, as is typical with incoming prime ministers, Truss has promised to fix the issues with the National Health Service, probably by diverting money into so-called social care with the aim of freeing up hospital space. That's a smart idea, given the hours people often are waiting for ambulances.

The theoretical justification for all this is that the debt from the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 crisis, and also Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine, should be seen as akin to the postwar recovery years of the late 1940s and financed over a longer term. That's a bet, of course, on a brighter future.

Other promising ideas abound: More legal immigration, an understanding of the need to manage the transition to clean energy so it causes the minimum of economic pain, a commitment to more housing, better electric trains, and a desire to maintain the union with Scotland.

There is also plenty to get in the way, not the least of which is the declining British pound, which has been wavering in the early hours of the Truss government, unsure of how to move.

And, of course, Putin can continue to ruin everything.

If there is any arena in which Truss needs to channel her inner Iron Lady, it is in the theater of Ukraine, one of the few areas in which Johnson exceeded expectations, especially if you ask a Ukrainian. She has said she will do everything in her power to support the Ukrainian people and vanquish Putin.

And so she should. Putin is causing all kinds of trouble and there is no viable, long-term solution for Europe without the crushing of his aggression.

OIA announces additional \$1.3M in Final TAP awards

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) announces \$1,351,884 in final awards to be funded under the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and has closed its review and grant award process for fiscal year 2022 TAP grants.

"This final batch of funding will support food security through mangrove crab farming, water security, student development, utilities management, and more," said Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs Carmen G. Cantor. "These are im-

portant priorities in the Insular Areas that help promote resiliency and well-being in their respective communities."

The TAP awards announced are as follows:

American Samoa

■ \$200,000 to the American Samoa Power Authority for a Water System Modeling Professional

CNMI

■ \$527,840 to the Northern Marianas College to leverage aquaculture technology for a Sustainable and Economically

Viable Mangrove Crab Farming Industry

■ \$93,544 to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation for the Automated Water Read, Supply, and Leak Detection System Pilot Project

Guam

■ \$299,291 to the Guam Department of Labor for an Unemployment Feasibility Study

■ \$287,792 to the University of Guam to strengthen campus security

■ \$123,672 to the Guam Waterworks Authority for financial management training

Federated States of Micronesia

■ \$127,000 in supplemental funding to the Habele Outer Island Education Fund to continue Habele Robotics League in the Federated States of Micronesia

■ \$35,000 to the Pohnpei Department of Land Commission to conduct a feasibility study on re-establishment of the Pohnpei State Museum.

Republic of the Marshall Islands

■ \$468,500 to the Eniwetok/Ujelang Atoll Local Government will purchase heavy equipment, a wheel loader, backhoe loader, and dump truck to assist in the re-



moval of the Leucaena Leucocephala, particularly the islands of Eniwetok, Japtan and Medren.

■ \$100,000 to Lib Island to provide for housing in support of recruiting and retaining a long-term health professional for the Lib Island community within Kwajalein Atoll.

OIA's TAP Division has completed its final reviews of applications and recommendations for fiscal year 2022 Technical Assistance Program, Maintenance Assistance Program, and Coral Reef and Natural Resources Initiative grant awards. Applications have been reviewed by OIA with support from other federal agencies when applicable.

Award decisions are based on a variety of factors, including the merit review factors provided in the grant announcement on www.grants.gov under CFDA #15.875, recommendations from the leadership from each of the Insular Areas, and letters of support for projects. Consideration is also given to equity and fairness across all the island areas.

Grant applicants and proposals that have not been selected for funding will receive final notification through the grants.gov system once the entire application and award process has been finalized and the fiscal year has been closed out on Sept. 30, 2022. (PR)


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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DEVELOPMENT OF ECHO DOCK
PORT OF SAIPAN
CPA RFP NO. CPA-RFP-010-2022
(CPA CONCESSION NO. SEA 2022-01)

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("Authority") is inviting qualified developers and their development teams to submit sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for the development of Echo Dock, which is situated north of the Port of Saipan. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone. This RFP is being issued pursuant to NMIAC § 40-70-205.

The RFP Package is available beginning Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport upon payment of a non-refundable administrative fee of \$200.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check, or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Other than this administrative fee, proposers are not required to submit a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Authority will hold a briefing for interested parties at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, to explain the Authority's development objectives, the RFP process, and to answer questions. The meeting will be held at the Authority's Seaport Conference Room, George Fleming Building. All potential applicants are encouraged to attend but it is not mandatory.

All proposers are requested to pay attention to the following significant dates and times:

Date RFP Package becomes available	August 31, 2022 (8:00 AM)
Date of RFP briefing meeting	September 16, 2022 (10:00 AM)
Deadline to submit Notice of Intent	September 28, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Deadline to submit Statement of Qualifications	October 13, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Notification of qualified applicants of the RFP	October 28, 2022
Deadline for RFP submission	November 30, 2022 (4:00 PM)

Qualified proposers shall submit their sealed proposals to the "CPA Evaluation Committee" and mark the outside cover of its submittal as follows: "RFP Proposal: Confidential - Development of the Echo Dock, Saipan (RFP-010-2022)." Five (5) hard copies and one electronic copy on CD, DVD, or flash drive of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. CHST, Wednesday, November 30, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted if sufficient justification exist that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:
 /s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
 Executive Director

Date 8/26/2022



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES
FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BUS PARKING CANOPY REPAIRS
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-004-22

The Commonwealth Ports Authority's (CPA) is a public corporation and autonomous agency of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). In accordance with its Procurement Rules and Regulations, CPA is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for repairs to the bus parking canopy repairs at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-SA-004-22.

The project is being funded by the Commonwealth Ports Authority and is in accordance and compliance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations, Section 40-50-202, Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Administration Office, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Electronic copies may be made available upon written request to Ms. Wendi Prater at wprater@cnmips.com or Ms. Sheri Llagas at cpa.receptionist@pticom.com.

Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements shall be submitted to Ms. Prater, CPA's Executive Assistant/Project Manager, via email to wprater@cnmips.com or hand delivered to the CPA Administration Office, by no later than **5:00 p.m. CHST, local time, Wednesday, September 21, 2022**.

The statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the criteria available in the RFQ package.

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00 p.m. CHST, MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
 Executive Director

Date 8/24/2022

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Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

United Airlines lifts 3Q revenue estimate after busy summer

DALLAS (AP)—United Airlines said Wednesday that third-quarter revenue will be higher than it had expected due to strong summer travel demand, and the upbeat outlook helped push airline stocks higher. Separately, United said it will end flights at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York unless it can expand operations at the congested airport. Chicago-based United estimated that July-through-September revenue will be 12% higher than in the same quarter of 2019, up from its previous projection of an 11% increase over pre-pandemic levels.

United paid slightly more than it had expected to for jet fuel, but that was offset by a slightly smaller increase in other costs on a per-seat basis. Profit margins, excluding special items, was about 10.5%, compared with a previous forecast of 10%, the company said.

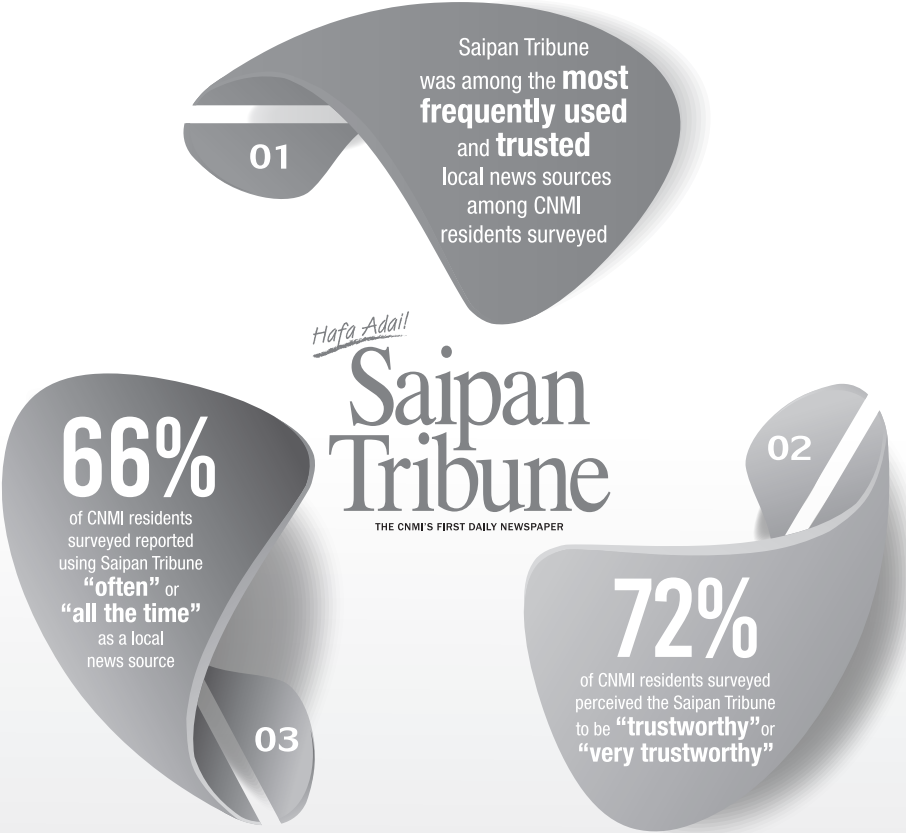
Apple maintains prices on new iPhones despite inflation

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP)—Apple's latest line-up of iPhones will boast better cameras, faster processors, and a longer lasting battery—all at the same prices as last year's models, despite inflationary pressure that has driven up the cost of many other everyday items. That pricing decision, revealed

Wednesday during Apple's first in-person product event in three years, came as a mild surprise. Many analysts predicted Apple would ask its devout fans to pay as much as 15% more to help offset rising costs for many components. The hoopla surrounding Apple's new iPhone 14 models is part of a post-Labor Day ritual the company has staged annually for more than a decade. Wednesday's event was held on the company's Cupertino, California, campus at a theater named after company co-founder Steve Jobs. for the standard iPhone 14 will start at \$799; the deluxe iPhone 14 Pro Max will start at \$1099. Among the latest improvements is a 48-megapixel camera in the Pro and Pro Max models

NEWS USE AND PERCEPTIONS

Use and Perceived Trustworthiness of Media as Sources of Local News*



*Source: i Minagâhet – Ellet: Reporting the Truth in the Northern Mariana Islands by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council
A study regarding news media use and perceptions, news media literacy, civic engagement, and community values in the Northern Mariana Islands

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ACROSS THE NATION

California keeps lights on after day of grid-straining heat

LOS ANGELES (AP)—California avoided rolling outages during extreme heat Wednesday, as operators of the state's electricity grid continued to warn that unprecedented demand on energy supplies could force them to periodically cut power to some customers. The California Independent System Operator thanked California residents and businesses for heeding another "flex alert," a request to reduce electricity consumption during peak evening hours. "With your help, we made it through another day without rotating #poweroutages," Cal-ISO said on Twitter after the alert expired at 9 p.m. Targeted blackouts were avoided a day after miscommunication led utilities to mistakenly cut power to customers in several California cities.


Police arrest Vegas-area elected official in reporter death

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A Las Vegas-area elected public official was arrested Wednesday as the suspect in the fatal stabbing of a veteran newspaper reporter whose investigations of the official's work preceded his primary loss in June. Clark County Public Administrator Robert "Rob" Telles, a Democrat, was taken into custody at his home by police SWAT officers hours after investigators served a search warrant and confiscated vehicles


in the criminal probe of the killing of Las Vegas Review-Journal reporter Jeff German, Sheriff Joe Lombardo told the newspaper. Telles, 45, had been a focus of German's reporting about turmoil including complaints of administrative bullying, favoritism and Telles' relationship with a subordinate staffer in the county office that handles property of people who die without a will or family contacts.

Obamas return to the White House, unveil official portraits

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, returned to the White House Wednesday, unveiling official portraits with a modern vibe in an event that set humor and nostalgia over his presidency against the current harsh political talk about the survival of democracy. While her husband cracked a few jokes about his gray hair, big ears and clothes in his portrait, Mrs. Obama, a descendant of slaves, said the occasion for her was more about the promise of America for people like herself. "Barack and Michelle, welcome home," declared President Joe Biden as the gathering cheered. Biden, who was Obama's vice president, praised his former boss' leadership on health care, the economy and immigration and said nothing could have prepared him any better for being president than serving with Obama for those eight years. "It was always about doing what was right," he said.



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AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF CRM PUBLIC HEARING ATKINS KROLL (SAIPAN), INC. AK TOYOTA LEXUS SAIPAN DEALERSHIP FACILITY

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the following project:

CRM Major Siting Application No. SMS-2022-056 – Atkins Kroll Saipan, Inc. is proposing to construct its new headquarters building and a Toyota-Lexus Dealership facility in Puerto Rico, Saipan. The project is situated on Lot No. E.A. 896-R2, measuring a total area of about 15,000 square meters, more or less, which borders with Route 30, Chalan Pale Arnold to the northwest, the U.S. Army Reserve complex, a vacant parcel to the northeast, the ANAKS Ocean View Condominiums to the east, and the Marianas Heights commercial buildings on the south side of the property. The project includes auto dealership area and parking, auto parts and services, sales offices, storage and working areas, conference rooms, vehicle showrooms, lounge areas, breakrooms, and restrooms. A large customer parking area will be provided with ADA compliant parking stalls, drive pathways, retaining walls, site illumination and site security networks, pedestrian pathways, and vegetative decors.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled on **Tuesday, October 05, 2022, at 5:00PM**, at the **DCRM Learning Center 3rd Floor, Suite 301, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan**.

To maintain the health and safety of all, virtual public participation is highly encouraged via video conferencing through **Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/6706648315>**. Our Zoom meeting access code may change, please call the DCRM Permitting Office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance at least one-day prior to the public hearing date.

If you are unable to attend, written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Permitting Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315, or by email at ssablan@dcrm.gov.mp. The project file is open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project. Please contact Ms. Sam Sablan at the DCRM Permitting Office at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the AK Toyota Saipan Dealership Facility Project.

/s/ Richard V. Salas
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management



AP
In this image made from video, a firefighter holds a kitten after rescuing it from a burning building in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022.

Off The Wall

Ukrainian firefighters rescue kitten from burning building

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Ukrainian firefighters known for rescuing people from buildings hit by shelling in more than six months of war helped a small, furry survivor this weekend — a gray-and-white kitten.

The rescuers, wearing full firefighting gear, battled raging flames and smoke to pull the kitten out from under a metal chair in the rubble of a wooden hotel-restaurant complex hit by a rocket in Ukraine’s second-largest city, Kharkiv, the country’s emergency services said Sunday on Facebook.

Video showed the firefighters petting and cuddling the feline as they carried it to safety. One used water from a firetruck to wipe down the kitten in his arms.

“We found a beauty,” one of the firefighters said as the kitten wiggled around in a colleague’s arms. Another said, “Get this kitty some oxygen.”

Ukraine’s emergency services said the kitten’s paw needed medical attention.

“Heroes of our time,” the emergency services proclaimed of the firefighters. “They protect, work, save, treat ... And we wish the cat a speedy recovery.”


OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Metal-detecting stranger retrieves woman’s ring lost in sea


HAMPTON, N.H. (AP)—A Massachusetts woman’s diamond wedding ring, a family heirloom, is back on her finger after a man with a metal detector responded to her social media plea for help and found it at the bottom of the ocean. Francesca Teal told The Boston Globe that she was tossing a football with her husband this month at North Beach in Hampton, New Hampshire, when the ring that once belonged to her great-grandmother slipped off her finger. They couldn’t find the ring in the water after hours of searching, the 29-year-old from Groveland said. Teal posted about the ordeal on Facebook and asked anyone who might frequent the beach with a metal detector to be on the lookout. Her post was shared thousands of times and got the attention of a man named Lou Asci.

Paddleboarder loses phone; scuba diver finds it next day

ROCKPORT, Mass. (AP)—When Laura Hernandez fell into the water and lost her iPhone while paddleboarding off Massachusetts earlier this month, she figured it was probably gone for good. But the next day the New York woman returned to the Rockport beach and approached the instructor of a novice scuba diving class and told him her situation. Instructor Larry Bettencourt told her the odds of finding it, even with its distinctive pink case, were not good, but he told the class to keep an eye out for it, The Boston Globe reported Thursday. Amazingly, Vanessa Kahn, 26, of Peabody, making her first open-water ocean dive spotted the phone in water about 25 feet deep. “The bright pink waterproof case stuck out like a sore thumb ... it was like almost neatly placed into a bed of green seaweed,” Kahn said. She waved the phone around in the water and the screen glowed. She returned to the surface, turned on the camera and snapped a selfie, then waved the phone in triumph to Hernandez standing on the beach. “Her face lit up,” she said. “I could tell that she was so excited.” Excited enough to give Kahn a \$300 reward.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
As of September 09, 2022

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. U.S.A. Fanter Corporation, Ltd.	08/05/2022 SMS-2012-X-061-A1	Cement Batching Plant & Hollow Block Facility	Kannat Tabla, Saipan	Major Siting	On Hold
2. Atkins Kroll (Saipan), Inc.	08/15/2022 SMS-2022-056	AK Toyota Lexus Saipan Dealership Facility	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Major Siting	Public Hearing* 10/05/2022
3. Bantalon Sugar Dock, Inc.	08/30/2022 SSm-2022-058	Beach Nourishment Project	Susupe, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved* 09/02/2022
4. Sea-Lago, Inc.	09/08/2022 SPIm-2022-059	Drydock - Stars & Stripes	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Under Review*
5. Saipan Sea Cruises, Inc.	09/08/2022 SPIm-2022-060	Drydock - Haggan Tasi	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Under Review*

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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Science & Technology

By JESSICA ROY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

I was still in the hazy just-past-newborn phase with my son when someone sent me \$500. Between diaper changes and endless bounce sessions on the yoga ball, I got a push notification on my phone.

“Anna sent you \$500.00 - Antique table - You now have \$500.00 in your Venmo account.”

Free money! Like most new parents, I had plenty of ideas for how to budget an unexpected \$500. (Venmo, a digital wallet app owned by Paypal, took a seller transaction fee of 1.9% plus another 10 cents, so my \$500 was actually \$490.40.) But I had neither possessed nor sold an

Did someone ‘accidentally’ send you money on Venmo? You might be getting scammed

antique table. I was running on minimal sleep, but my scam sense was tingling. Anna had sent me the money by accident — or had she? Wouldn’t you double-check someone’s phone number before sending them that much money?

It might have been an honest mistake. I sure would hate to be out that much because I mistyped a digit. I looked into it, and found a Better Business Bureau warning about this “money sent by accident” scam from 2020.

I looked up Venmo’s FAQs on what to do. To my surprise, Venmo said I could “simply send the payment back to that user.” (Venmo has since updated its guidance: The page says to contact Venmo support if you receive money from someone you don’t know.)

How the scam works

Sorin Mihailovici, the editor-in-chief of Scam Detector, said if I’d sent the money back, I might have found myself out \$500.

He explained: The scammer steals credit card numbers — which can be purchased in bulk on the dark web — and attaches those cards to accounts on digital wallet apps like Venmo, Cashapp and Zelle. Then, they “accidentally” send money to hundreds or thousands of people at once, whose phone numbers were similarly acquired in some back-alley of the internet. A subsequent request to get the money back goes out to all the targets. Some of those people


will ignore it, but others will send the money back.

Software can automate the entire process, Mihailovici said, so even if only 1% of the scam targets send money back to them, “it’s an incredible money-making machine with extremely, extremely little effort.”

The first victims, whose credit card numbers were stolen, will see the charges and get in touch with their banks, who will likely reverse the charges. So they get their money back.

But you might not.

In its support documentation on payments from strangers, Venmo notes that when you send money back, it will come from your Venmo balance, unless the amount requested is larger than your Venmo balance. Because the seller fee had been taken out, my balance was \$490.40, remember? So if I’d sent Anna back a full \$500, according to Venmo, it would have been funded entirely by my outside payment method, AKA my credit card or bank account.



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AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PARKING LOT EXPANSION PROJECT, PROJECT NO. CPA-TA-001-20**, OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **“Tinian International Airport Parking Lot Expansion Project, CPA-TA-001-20”** and submitted on or before **2:00 p.m., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of construction of additional parking spaces including all associated work, all in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds by CPA. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

A DVD containing the Contract Documents including plans, specifications and the bid schedule, may be obtained at the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the Departure Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY U.S. DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each DVD. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Bidders should notify CPA's point of contact mentioned below immediately if there are issues retrieving the files on the DVD and should verify all information using the specification table of contents and the index of drawings.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Tinian International International Airport Departure Terminal, at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow the pre-bid conference. This pre-bid is not mandatory. For site visits after the pre-bid conference, bidders are to coordinate with Mr. Antonio Borja, CPA's Tinian Ports Manager at alborja@cnmports.com or telephone number (670) 433-9294.

Questions should be submitted in writing to the CPA Executive Director's Office, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or emailed to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager at wprater@cnmports.com at least ten (10) days prior to the bid opening date, with the exception of extension requests which have no deadline. Responses to all questions and requests for information will be provided to all bidders who purchased a DVD and attended the pre-bid conference.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority and available on the DVD. Each bidder must also supply all supplemental information required in the specifications.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **Two Hundred Forty (240) calendar days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-28 of the specifications. Bidders shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

In addition to the above, all bidders shall comply with all other local and Federal requirements as outlined in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: August 22, 2022



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NMPASI

NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEMS, INC.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

NMPASI hereby seeks comments and/or suggestions from the community on how to improve upon its proposed Statement of Goals & Priorities for fiscal year 2023 as follows:

NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEMS, INC. (NMPASI) STATEMENT OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES (FY 2023)

[CLIENT / COMMUNITY SERVICES]

GOAL 1: To provide legally-based advocacy services on behalf of individuals with disabilities and their families in the CNMI.

Priority 1.1: Facilitate appropriate advocacy and provide direct representation for eligible individuals with disabilities in the community (at least one more than the previous fiscal year).

Priority 1.2: Facilitate sufficient technical assistance to individuals with disabilities, family members of individuals with disabilities and other members of the general community at large.

Priority 1.3: Facilitate appropriate representation for un/underserved individuals with disabilities (including but not limited to those living in institutions or other housing facilities)

GOAL 2: To advance the understanding of and appreciation for Protection & Advocacy services and disability-related issues in the CNMI.

Priority 2.1: Facilitate opportunities for the community to engage in learning about disability-related issues.

Priority 2.2: Promote the understanding of local and federal disability laws.

Priority 2.3: Foster local capacity in self-advocacy for individuals with disabilities.

[ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS]

GOAL 3: To enhance the quality of protection & advocacy services and the efficiency of the organization's operations.

Priority 3.1: Maintain an efficient, effective and legally-compliant administrative operation.

Priority 3.2: Maintain an effective, diverse and knowledgeable staff and board of directors.

Priority 3.3: Ensure sufficient and sustainable funding in support of organization's mission.

For anything further, please feel free to contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [tel.] / 235-7275 [fax] / 287-0652 [text message]] or contact us on-line at www.nmpasi.org.

**NMPASI, a local non-profit organization, administers grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), and the Human Resources Services Administration (HRSA), the U.S. Department of Education (DOE)/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and the Social Security Administration (SSA).*



COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS CUC-RSQ-22-037

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR CUC'S SUSTAINABLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (SWIMS) PROGRAM

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Statement of Qualifications from qualified firms for Program Management Services for CUC's Sustainable Water Infrastructure Management Strategy (SWIMS) program. This is a comprehensive planning, investigation, design, construction and operations approach to manage Non-Revenue Water and delivery safe and affordable drinking water to the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposed program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All work is subject to grantors approval.

The RSQ package will be provided via email to the registered email ID upon completion of registration at the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the RSQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RSQ 22-037, Request for Statement of Qualifications for Program Management Services for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's Sustainable Water Infrastructure Management Strategy (SWIMS) Program" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 11, 2022**. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received or postmarked on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A&E firms are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the A&E firms due to a lack of information or understanding of the RSQ requirements in the course of the Consultant's preparation of an SOQ under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible/qualified A&E firms who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible to being selected for the award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. A&E firms shall be accorded fair and equal during discussions; there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

This RSQ does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable federal regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on September 20, 2022**, to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, CUC Acting Water/Wastewater Chief Engineer via email address larry.manacop@cucgov.org, and Christie Sablan, Administrative Technician Senior via email address, christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all Statement of Qualifications for any reason and to waive any defects in said RSQ, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All Statement of Qualifications shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

NAME OF EMPLOYER: Win Pacific Corporation

THE POSITION: Accountant

JOB DESCRIPTION: Prepare and review monthly budget to actual variances and cash flow sources and uses of funds and ensure compliance with approved budget; Analyze daily recordings of revenue and expenditures for correct account classifications in accordance with guidelines, generally accepted accounting principles and regulatory requirements; Review all financial transactions entered in the general and subsidiary ledgers ensuring that all costs (labor, materials, overhead and costs) are completely and accurately recorded in the company's accounting system; Record daily business transactions and prepare billing statements to customers and clients; Prepares costing of products; Review and summarize business reports; Make financial recommendation to management; Responsible for budget control; Monitor and facilitate various payments to suppliers, vendors, and process payments; Review and analyze monthly operating report on activities and resources in support of compiled daily revenues and expenditures, aging reports for receivables and payables and profit and loss accounts; Review and summarize business reports and all documents, based on results of analytics review; Investigate causes of variances and prepare report for management information; Prepare periodic tax filing (monthly gross receipts tax, corporate income tax return, FICA and EWR Quarterly Reports); Compute and prepare bi-weekly or semi-monthly payrolls for employees; Interact management decisions, particularly those involving financial decisions to improve business operations; monitor on a regular basis the status of inventory stocks on hand and coordinate with purchasing officer regarding propriety of actual charges; Implement strict adherence to established internal control systems and procedures; Prepare yearly financial statements (Balance Sheets and Income Statements).

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION: Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy

EXPERIENCE: Must have at least sixty (60) months of relevant work experience as an Accountant

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must be knowledgeable with and have experience on the use of accounting softwares; Must be computer-literate; and Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills.

JOB SITE: Tower Palace, Gualo Rai Village, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

HOW TO APPLY: Submit or mail comprehensive professional resume, with supporting credentials, and application letter to:

OSWIN ROY SUYAPTO
President and General Manager
WIN PACIFIC CORPORATION

Office Address: Tower Palace, Gualo Rai Village
Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 503324, Saipan, MP 96950

Email Address(es): darwing@win-pacific.com and/or oswins@win-pacific.com

Telephone Number(s): Tel. 1(510) 390-6872 and/or (670)783-0532



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22 – 064

Opening Date: August 29, 2022
Closing Date: Until Filled

POSITION TITLE:	Training & Development Manager
DEPARTMENT:	Admin / Executive Director Office
LOCATION:	Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA
ANNUAL SALARY:	\$56,439.00 to \$76,192.00 per annum, Exempt
CONTRACT:	Contracted
POSITION(S):	One (1)

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Executive Director or his/her designee.

Duties:

- Manages the functions of the training and development program, which includes planning, coordinating, administering, and evaluating programs, projects, processes, procedures, systems, standards, and/or services. Ensures compliance with organizational and Federal, Commonwealth, and local laws, regulations, codes, and/or standards.
- Serves as a liaison with internal departments, officials, agencies, partners, contractors and other external organizations, groups and representatives. Serves as a representative at a variety of meetings, public events, on committees, and/or other related events regarding training and development.
- Analyze training needs to develop new training programs or modify and improve existing programs.
- Evaluate instructor performance and the effectiveness of training programs, providing recommendations for improvement.
- Plan, develop, and provide training and staff development programs, using knowledge of the effectiveness of methods such as classroom training, demonstrations, on-the-job training, meetings, conferences, and workshops.
- Prepare training budget for department or organization.
- Confer with management and conduct surveys to identify training needs based on projected production processes, changes, and other factors.
- Develop and organize training manuals, multimedia visual aids, and other educational materials.
- Develop testing and evaluation procedures.
- Train instructors and supervisors in techniques and skills for training and dealing with employees.
- Conduct orientation sessions and arrange on-the-job training for new hires.
- Conduct or arrange for ongoing technical training and personal development classes for staff members.
- Review and evaluate training and apprenticeship programs for compliance with government standards.
- This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department.
- Assists in planning, developing, recommending and implementing goals, objectives, policies, procedures and standards. Coordinates operational and program efforts in alignment with goals and objectives of assigned area of responsibility.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:

Education: Bachelor's Degree in a directly related field and 5 years of professional experience in the assigned field including 2 years of leadership experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above, unless otherwise subject to any other requirements set forth in law or regulation.

Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Customer service principles; Supervisory Principles; Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and other applicable laws, rules and regulations. Budgeting Principles; and Basic mathematics.

Skills in: Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Performing mathematical calculations; Applying accounting procedures and principles; Developing and implementing procedures and standards; Recording, analyzing, verifying, reconciling, and reporting accounting transactions; Preparing and analyzing financial statements and reports; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

Licensing: o Valid CNMI Driver's License with appropriate class.

Physical Demands: o Occasional lifting of objects; Subject to standing, walking sitting, bending, reaching, kneeling, pushing and pulling.

All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.

How to Apply: Submit a completed CUC Employment Application, resume, and applicable supporting documents to the CUC Human Resources office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan, Monday and Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm (Except Legal Holidays). Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota may submit their documents to their respective CUC Administration office. Application, resume and supporting documents can also be e-mailed to: employment.applications@cucgov.org

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Life & Style

Israel acquires rare ancient papyrus with Hebrew inscription

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel has acquired a previously unknown ancient papyrus bearing a Hebrew inscription dated to around 2,700 years ago that had long been in possession of a Montana resident, the country's antiquities authority said Wednesday.

The scrap of papyrus—scarcely larger than a postage stamp with four lines of angular script—is one of just a few from the region in the Late Iron Age, archaeologists said. The Israel Antiquities Authority said it authenticated its age using radiocarbon dating, which corresponded with the

age of the text's writing style.

Joe Uziel, director of the Judean desert scrolls unit, said the matching radiocarbon date and paleographic style makes him "very certain" that it is not a modern forgery.

The papyrus, which bears the Biblical name Ishmael, was likely looted sometime in the last century from a cave in the Judean Desert, he said.

Its provenance and journey from the desert to Montana six decades ago and now to Jerusalem remain nebulous.

The antiquities authority declined to name the Montana resident but said the man's



Israeli Antiquities Authority's official conservator, Tanya Bitler, shows a papyrus fragment at their lab inside the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022. **AP**

mother obtained the artifact during a visit to what was then Jordanian-occupied east Jerusalem in 1965 and brought it to the United States.

Jordanian law that was in force at the time severely restricted the sale of antiquities and prohibited the export of artifacts without a permit from the minister of antiquities.

ties. It wasn't clear whether the woman possessed such authorization.

Numerous scroll fragments from the arid region near the Dead Sea that have emerged on the antiquities market in recent years, including several at Washington's Museum of the Bible, have proven to be forgeries.

Prosecutors review 'voluminous' evidence vs. Rushdie attacker

MAYVILLE, N.Y. (AP)—The criminal case against the man charged with stabbing author Salman Rushdie involves so much potential evidence that prosecutors need more time to review it, the chief prosecutor said Wednesday.

District Attorney Jason Schmidt of Chautauqua County in western New York said his office is reviewing about "30,000 files," without providing details. He said the volume of material entitled him to additional time

to comply with a requirement to turn over evidence to suspect Hadi Matar's attorney.

Matar's lawyer, Nathaniel Barone, questioned the need for delay. Prosecutors typically must share evidence within 20 days of an arraignment.

"Just because there may be volumes of discovery out there, that doesn't change the fact that that's their job," Barone said after the hearing, the Observer of Dunkirk reported. "They better get to it and we're entitled to it."

US Rep: Sitcom with Danny DeVito as voice of Satan is 'evil'

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—An animated horror comedy featuring Danny DeVito as the voice of Satan is "clearly evil," says a Republican congressman from Louisiana whose Facebook post denouncing "Little Demon" had reached millions of people by Tuesday morning.

U.S. Rep Mike Johnson objected to the sitcom aired by FX Networks. Its website says the series is about a woman and her 13-year-old daughter who are trying to live normal lives even though Satan is the girl's father and wants custody of her soul.

A trailer for the show, which airs its fourth episode late Thursday, played during Sunday night's TV broadcast of Louisiana State University's football opener against Florida State.

"I couldn't get to the remote fast enough to shield my 11-year-old from the preview,

and I wonder how many other children were exposed to it—and how many millions more will tune in to the new series, owned and marketed by DISNEY," the congressman and vice chairman of the House Republican Conference wrote on Monday.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Movie chain Cineworld files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

Movie theater operator Cineworld Group LLC has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the U.S. as it deals with billions of dollars in debt and lower-than-expected attendance at screenings. "The pandemic was an incredibly difficult time for our business, with the enforced closure of cinemas and huge disruption to film schedules that has led us to this point," CEO Mooky Greidinger said in a statement. The company and its sub-

sidaries have commitments for an approximate \$1.94 billion debtor-in-possession financing facility from existing lenders, which will help ensure Cineworld's operations continue as usual while it undergoes a reorganization. Last month the British company, which owns Regal Cinemas in the U.S. and operates in 10 countries, said its theaters remained "open for business as usual" as it considered options for relief from its debt load. Cineworld anticipates exiting from Chapter 11 during the first quarter of 2023. **(AP)**

Janet Jackson front row at Siriano's glam fashion week show

NEW YORK (AP)—With Janet Jackson resplendent in a black trouser suit on his front row and humongous hats on many of his models, Christian Siriano opened New York Fashion Week at the former townhouse of Elizabeth Taylor, rolling out sexy, slinky looks Wednesday to go with his trademark ballgowns. He was inspired by Taylor, of course, for an Old Hollywood-infused show but told The Associated Press a slew of styl-

ish icons were also muses: Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, Bianca Jagger and Judy Garland among them. "I was watching the girls do rehearsal and I was like, oh my God, imagine Elizabeth Taylor in her heels walking up these marble steps. How fabulous. It's so cool to be here," Siriano said. Taylor lived in the six-story, French Renaissance Revival townhouse now nestled among office buildings in Midtown for several years in the 1950s during her Michael Todd era. It's now an art space.

R. Kelly ex-manager says he believed singer's abuse denials

CHICAGO (AP)—Singer R. Kelly's former business manager told jurors Wednesday he believed the singer's denials of sexual misconduct that emerged against his boss, adding that he came to understand that fending off false claims was a cost of doing business for a superstar. Derrell McDavid, a co-defendant at Kelly's child pornography and trial-fixing trial in federal court in Chicago, said he saw no early signs Kelly sought minors for sex, blaming Kelly

enemies and those hoping to profit off his fame for concocting the allegations. Prosecutors ended their two week presentation to jurors before the Labor Day holiday, which included the testimony of four Kelly accusers who described him as a master manipulator. McDavid and Kelly both face charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice that accuse them of rigging Kelly's 2008 trial, at which the R&B star was acquitted. A third co-defendant, former Kelly associate Milton Brown, faces one charge—conspiracy to receive child pornography.

Wife fights losing battle versus husband and his mom

DEAR ABBY: My husband inherited a nasty habit from his mother. He calls people "crazy" to discredit them so he can win arguments and stifle discussion. I have told him it's lazy to pass judgment on someone that way. It also shows the world how ignorant he is, because he thinks he'll win every argument by playing the crazy card -- a personal attack.

I think it's immature and immoral to take advantage of others' bias against mental health issues. He has done it to me in front of people. I have said, "You wish!" right back at him. It has reached the point that I think he's character deficient.

His misogyny is exhausting to fight. His mother is even worse. She throws in her armchair diagnosis, which is always "schizophrenia." My husband's argument is an emotional one and too pervasive to enjoy time with him. Any idea how I can fight these below-the-belt punches?

DEFINITELY NOT "CRAZY"

DEAR DEFINITELY NOT: That shouldn't be too hard. When your husband acts this way, don't engage with him. Ignore his comments, leave the room or the house. Spend less time with him and NO time with his mother. And while you're doing that, ask yourself why you tolerate the disrespect you're receiving from both of them.

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DEAR ABBY: My brother is old enough to work on

the farm, but he refuses. He goes to school, comes back angry and doesn't like to be told what to do. Everyone has to work except him. We have tried time and time again to get him to help out. We appease him, but he only gets worse. How can we get him to develop good work ethics? It hurts when we ask him to do something and he gets angry and starts swearing. All we want is for him to help out.

GOOD WORKER IN MINNESOTA

DEAR WORKER: I wish you had been clearer about who "we" is. If it's you and your siblings, there isn't much you can do to teach your brother the lessons he needs to learn. However, if it's your parents you are referring to, there is plenty THEY can do to set rules and enforce them while their son lives under their roof. Hint: It involves rewards for good behavior and consequences if he is disrespectful and non-compliant.

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DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I were dating, he introduced me to the sport of cycling. Before that, it had just been a means of transportation. A few years of training later, it turns out I'm actually pretty good at it. I have been on the podium three times this year, but he has not. He is definitely jealous. Should I stop competing?

BICYCLE GAL IN MICHIGAN

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR BICYCLE GAL: A man who loves his wife wants to be the wind beneath her wings, not an anchor around her ankles. You should not have to give up something at which you excel in order to save your husband's childish ego. Rather than give you heartburn for your success, he should be praising you for your progress. Shame on him.

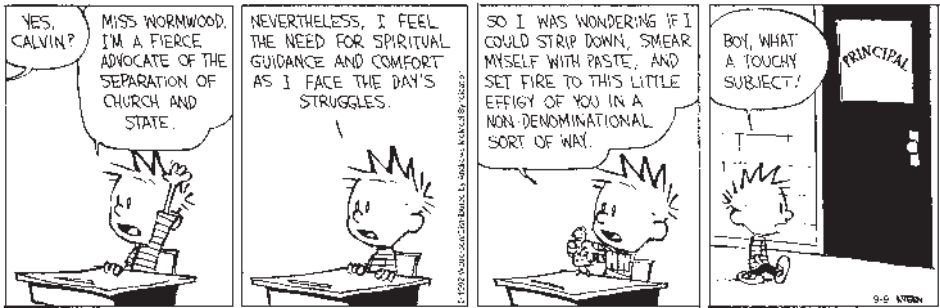
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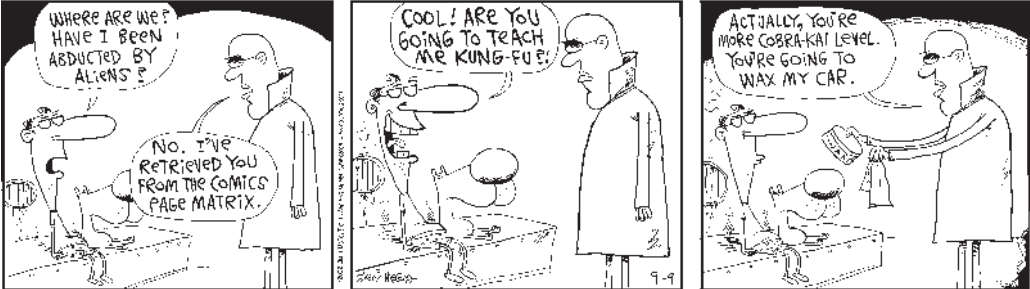
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Yesterday's answer 9-9

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Michelle Williams, 42; Eric Stonestreet, 51; Adam Sandler, 56; Hugh Grant, 62.

Happy Birthday: It's time to make a change based on current trends. Update your qualifications by taking the things you enjoy doing most into consideration. Refuse to let others disrupt your plans or cost you emotionally or financially. Love, romance and personal growth are encouraged and will help boost your confidence, giving you the wherewithal to get ahead. Trust your instincts. Your numbers are 5, 16, 20, 24, 31, 39, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let someone's big plans get in your way. Weigh the pros and cons, and don't be afraid to do your own thing if it will get you closer to your goal. Think big, but keep your plans simple and attainable. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A change may not be wanted initially, but there will be benefits that ease your misgivings. Follow your heart, trust your intuition and do your very best. A passionate approach to whatever you do will pay off. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put more energy behind the things you love to do and the people you care about most. Avoid clashes with people who don't share your beliefs, and stay away from protests and situations that can cause physical or emotional setbacks. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be careful how much information you share. Learn through observation; you'll gain leverage when you negotiate or barter. Trust in your-

self and go about your business. Time is on your side, and your instincts are impeccable. Romance is favored. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spending to please others won't buy love or anything else you hope to gain. Offer truth and loyalty, and you'll get a different response. Share information about what you are trying to achieve, and you'll be surprised who contributes. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take the path that keeps you out of trouble and heading in a direction that shows promise. Channel your energy into precision, detail and finishing what you start. Sidestep anyone looking for a fight or trying to dismantle your plans. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take advantage of an opportunity to learn. Expanding your mind will lead to new friendships and interests. Ask questions, and someone will disclose information that will eliminate uncertainty and bring you peace of mind. Look at the possibilities and know the risks. ***

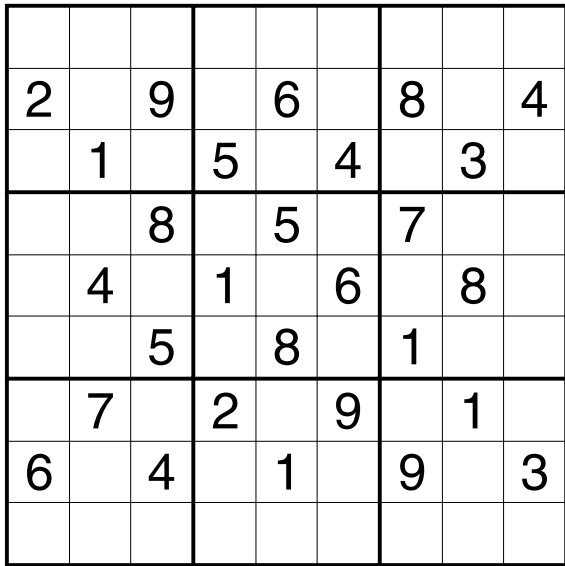
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Concentrate on how you look, feel and handle situations. Refuse to let anyone outmaneuver you. Pay attention to how you present what you want to offer. Show compassion and understanding, and you'll get the help you require. Romance is favored. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't play games or get involved with people who use emotional tactics to take advantage of others. Sticking to what and who you know will make it easier to read a room and figure out what to do next. **

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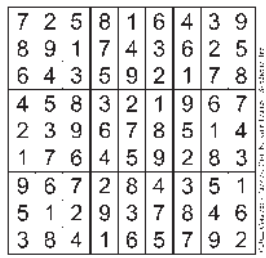
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Last Friday's Answer



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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): By investing in your talents, you will attract attention and interest regarding what you want to pursue. Refuse to let anyone talk you into taking on too much too quickly. Baby steps will lead to long-term profits. Personal gain is apparent. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep the ball rolling. Don't let anyone stand in your way or lead you astray. Change what isn't working and leave everything else in place. Refuse to let your emotions stand between you and what you want. Be honest regarding your feelings. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let your actions speak for you. A show of affection will help break down barriers that stand between you and something you want. Don't embellish a story to draw attention to yourself. Stick to the facts, and you'll gain respect. ***

Birthday Baby: You are helpful, feisty and thorough. You are curious and resourceful.

☾: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☼: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☼☼: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ☼☼☼: Aim high; start new projects. ☼☼☼☼: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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Judge slugs 55th HR, Yankees complete DH sweep of Twins



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Aaron Judge started the first-game comeback with his major league-leading 55th home run, Isiah Kiner-Falefa hit a go-ahead grand slam in the nightcap and the New York Yankees swept a doubleheader from the Minnesota Twins 5-4 and 7-1 on Wednesday.

Kiner-Falefa sparked a two-run 12th inning in the opener with a tying leadoff RBI single. He erased a 1-0 deficit in the fourth inning of the second game when he sent a belt-high slider from Joe Ryan (10-8) into the left-field seats. It was Kiner-Falefa's first slam among 19 career home runs.

Oswaldo Cabrera stopped an 0-for-25 slide with a game-ending single in the opener.

Gerrit Cole (11-7) struck out a season-high 14 in the night game, allowing five hits and two walks in 6 2/3 innings. Lucas Luetge got his second save.

Carlos Correa hit a third-inning homer for the Twins.

New York (83-54) opened a five-game AL East lead over second-place Tampa Bay and clinched its 30th straight winning season despite an injury-depleted lineup. Giancarlo Stanton, Anthony Rizzo, DJ LeMahieu, Josh Donaldson, Andrew Benintendi and Matt Carpenter were among those hurt or unavailable.

In the opener, Judge homered for the fourth straight game, driving a changeup to left in the fourth inning, the only blemish of Louie Varland's otherwise outstanding major league debut.

Judge set the Yankees record for right-handed hitters by surpassing the 54 homers hit by Alex Rodriguez in 2007.

Gleyber Torres hit a two-run homer and Greg Weissert (3-0) earned the win for the Yankees. Jose Miranda homered for Minnesota, and Trevor Megill (3-3) took the loss.

Mets 10, Pirates 0, 2nd game Mets 5, Pirates 1, 1st game

In Pittsburgh, Jacob deGrom threw seven dominant innings and New York completed a doubleheader sweep of Pittsburgh to move back into sole possession of first place in the NL East.

DeGrom (5-1) struck out eight and walked one to win his third straight start for New York, which rode seven strong innings from Chris Bassitt to a victory in Game 1.

The Mets piled on Pittsburgh starter Johan Oviedo (2-2) and a handful of relievers to pound out 17 hits in support of deGrom.

Francisco Lindor doubled twice and drove in three runs in Game 2. Jeff McNeil and Eduardo Escobar each added three hits in the nightcap. Escobar also homered earlier in the day and went 6 for 9 in the twinbill.

Bassitt (13-7) struck out 10 over seven innings in the opener, helping New York avoid its first four-game skid of the season.

Blue Jays 4, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Alek Manoah retired 22 of his final 23 hitters in an impressive eight-inning performance, and Toronto wrapped up a successful series in Baltimore.

The Blue Jays won three of four to take a 4 1/2-game lead on Baltimore for the last wild card in the American League. Manoah (14-7) allowed a run in the first, but the Orioles didn't manage another baserunner until the sixth.

Toronto scored three times in the fifth off Dean Kremer (6-5), who allowed two earned runs and six hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Cardinals 6, Nationals 5

In St. Louis, Tommy Edman hit a two-run, two-out double to cap St. Louis' five-run ninth inning in a victory over Washington.

St. Louis moved 9 1/2 games ahead of Milwaukee for the NL Central lead, winning for the 20th time in 23 home games.

Edman doubled to left off reliever Kyle Finnegan (5-3) to cap the rally.

Paul Goldschmidt hit his 35th homer, a solo homer off Cory Abbott leading off the fourth. Goldschmidt leads the NL with 108 RBIs.

Rockies 8, Brewers 4

In Denver, Eric Lauer exited in the third inning with left elbow tightness, and the Brewers hurt their fading playoff hopes.

Recent call-ups Michael Toggia and Alan Trejo homered for the last-place Rockies. Kyle Freeland (8-9) threw six innings of one-run ball.

Andrew McCutchen and Luis Urias homered for Milwaukee in the ninth. Lauer (10-7) was tagged for seven runs in 2 2/3 innings.

The Brewers fell four games behind Philadelphia and San Diego for the final NL wild card. They finished a 2-5 trip with concerns surrounding Lauer



New York Yankees' Aaron Judge celebrates with Gleyber Torres (25) after hitting a home run during the fourth inning of the first baseball game of a doubleheader against the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, in New York.

as they scramble to make the postseason for a fifth straight year.

Braves 7, Athletics 3

In Oakland, Calif., rookie Spencer Strider (10-4) overcame a rough start to strike out nine and win his third straight start, Vaughn Grissom and Dansby Swanson homered and Atlanta won its seventh in a row.

Robbie Grossman, Marcell Ozuna and Ronald Acuña Jr. also drove in runs for Atlanta, which beat Oakland for the 11th straight time dating to 2008.

The Braves began the day tied with the New York Mets for the NL East lead.

Dodgers 7, Giants 3

In Los Angeles, Trea Turner doubled in the go-ahead run, Max Muncy added a three-run homer in the eighth inning and Los Angeles reduced its magic number in the NL West to six games.

Muncy homered off Zack Littell (2-3) and went 3 for 4. Justin Turner hit a three-run homer in the fifth.

David Villar homered twice and drove in all of the runs for the Giants, who led 2-0 in the fifth.

White Sox 9, Mariners 6

In Seattle, Eloy Jiménez drove in three runs with a homer and double and Chicago took advantage of three errors in the come-from-behind win over Seattle.

The White Sox took two of three in the series and stayed on the heels of Cleveland and Minnesota in the crowded AL Central race.

Aaron Bummer (1-1) claimed the win, and Liam Hendriks struck out the side

the ninth for his 31st save.

Seattle starter Luis Castillo tied an American League record by striking out the first seven batters to start the game and set a franchise record with the feat. He finished with eight strikeouts and only three of the six runs allowed were earned.

The Mariners got a pair of home runs by Eugenio Suárez for hits Nos. 1,000 and 1,001 of his career. Diego Castillo (7-3) was the loser in relief as Seattle lost for just the fourth time in 15 games. The Mariners are vying with Tampa Bay and Toronto for the top wild-card spot in the AL.

Rays 1, Red Sox 0

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Yonny Chirinos pitched three spotless innings in relief to win his first major league outing in two years, leading Tampa Bay past Boston.

Taylor Walls drove in the only run with an infield single in the fifth, and the Rays won for the eighth time in nine games. They lead the American League wild-card race and are five games behind the first-place Yankees in the AL East.

Chirinos (1-0), who had Tommy John surgery following his previous appearance for the Rays on Aug. 16, 2020, struck out four and got the win. He gave up four hits and a walk. Pete Fairbanks pitched the ninth for his sixth save in six attempts.

Phillies 4, Marlins 3

In Philadelphia, Edmundo Sosa homered for the second straight game and finished with three hits and three RBIs, and Bailey Falter earned his fourth straight win as a starter, lifting Philadel-

phia over Miami.

Jean Segura also homered for the Phillies, who are in a virtual tie with San Diego in the race for the second and third NL wild-card spots. Milwaukee is four games back.

Jacob Stallings had two hits, including a solo homer in the ninth off reliever Connor Brogdon that pulled Miami within a run. Brogdon allowed the tying run on base before closing out his second save of the season.

Charles Leblanc and Garrett Cooper each had two hits for Miami, which has lost nine in a row for the first time since May 2013.

Tigers 5, Angels 4

In Anaheim, Calif., Shohei Ohtani and Mike Trout homered in the same game for the eighth time this season, but rookies Kerry Carpenter and Ryan Kreidler hit back-to-back homers in the ninth inning in the win for Detroit.

Kreidler hit his first career homer off José Quijada (0-4) four pitches after Carpenter tied it with a homer down the left field line.

Eric Haase went 5 for 5 with a homer and two doubles in the majors' 12th five-hit game of the season, and former No. 1 overall draft pick Spencer Torkelson homered as the Tigers snapped a four-game skid and avoided a series sweep with a 13-hit attack.

Reds 7, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Aristides Aquino hit two more home runs and Jake Fraley added a solo shot, helping Cincinnati pull away from Chicago.

Mike Minor (4-10), pitching at Wrigley Field for the first time since 2014 with At-

lanta, gave up 10 hits in 5 2/3 innings but just one run.

Chicago took a 1-0 lead in the second on consecutive singles by Nelson Velasquez, Yan Gomes and P.J. Higgins. The Cubs hit into three double plays and lost for the fourth time in five games.

Astros 4, Rangers 3, 10 innings

In Houston, José Altuve scored the winning run on a wild pitch with two outs in the 10th inning as Houston rallied past Texas.

Texas intentionally walked Yordan Alvarez to load the bases with two outs, and Jonathan Hernández (1-2) uncorked a wild first pitch to Alex Bregman, allowing Altuve to sprint home.

Hector Neris (5-4) pitched a perfect 10th for the win.

Padres 6, Diamondbacks 3

In San Diego, Yu Darvish pitched six solid innings for his 13th victory, Jurickson Profar hit a two-run home run and San Diego beat Arizona in a game that featured three homers by each team.

The Padres came into the day in a virtual tie for the second NL wild-card spot with the Philadelphia Phillies, who beat Miami. San Diego opened a four-game lead in the wild-card race over fading Milwaukee, which lost to Colorado.

Arizona's Daulton Varsho hit two solo homers to give him 24 for the season. Corbin Carroll hit his first homer in the second inning, going back-to-back with Varsho.

Darvish (13-7) gave up the three Diamondbacks home runs. He lasted six innings, allowing five hits. Josh Hader earned his 31st save — and second with the Padres.

In addition to Profar's homer, the Padres got solo shots from Jake Cronenworth (3 for 3) and by Wil Myers (150th career homer).

Diamondbacks starter Tommy Henry (3-4) allowed giving up five runs and seven hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Royals 2, Guardians 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Salvador Perez's sacrifice fly in the ninth gave Kansas City a win over Cleveland.

The Royals entered the ninth trailing 1-0, but Emmanuel Clase walked the first two batters he faced. MJ Melendez drove home Kyle Isbel with the tying run and Perez drove in Nicky Lopez with the game-winner.

Scott Barlow (6-4) earned the win. Clase (2-4) took the loss.

The Guardians scored first on an RBI single by Owen Miller.

Youth are 'always welcome' in fishing

By **LEIGH GASES**

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I Sanhalom Laguna Anglers Association president Joe Torres said that the youth are "always welcome" to the fishing derby held every year within the waters inside the Saipan lagoon.

This year's 4th Annual Mafuti Derby had a good number of children join their families out on the 46 boats within the lagoon, and with the event held close to shore, it promotes a safe and fun activity and competition.

Torres said that "we always promote youth programs, so our members 12 years old and below are free of charge to join the event." He encourages more children to join the derby and to learn more about "sustainable fishing—just for fun... We're on an island and we're surrounded by the ocean so definitely we want our kids to learn this stuff."

"The guys on their boats always bring their young kids... and they're always teaching [them] how to fish... It's an event that's in the lagoon so a lot of fishermen bring their kids because it's safe—we don't have to go far out. [There's] no registration cost too for children under 12, so it's easier to bring the kids out... we also issue out lifejackets to boats that have children just to promote safe boating," said Torres.

The youth this year was in fact highlighted, as the overall winner for the derby was 8-year-old fisherman, Reyong John Moses Rasiang, who caught a 5.2-lb mafuti which was the heaviest catch of the derby.

Taught fishing at the young age of 3 by his grandpa, R.J. has joined the derby every year since its inception in 2018 at just 4 years old, and has always been second place to three-time Mafuti Derby winner Ed Diaz, but this year was the youth's time to shine.

Rasiang's grandfather, George Moses, the captain of their team, said that



Committee members of the I Samnhalom Laguna Anglers Association and fishing teams with their children that joined the 4th Annual Mafuti Derby pose for a photo after the derby last Aug. 27 at the Smiling Cove Marina.

LEIGH GASES

along with his grandson, he knows a lot of other young fishermen. He encourages the youth to get out there as the "playing field out there is so big."

To parents and grandparents, he encourages them to take their "son, grandson, or grand daughters or daughters out to go fishing and show them the playing field" which is the ocean.

Moses then thanked ISLA, saying that the derby is a "good community program and you can take children out."

Torres then said that "we always want to thank our sponsors- our sponsors that support us every year. This is our fourth year but all sponsors, we want to thank them. We want to thank all the fishermen that came out to join the event. And also especially thank you to the committee that organized all this stuff... We're going to try and grow the event next year again and hopefully have more youth involvement."

The sponsors of the derby are Tan Siu Lin Foundation, the Office of the Lt. Governor, Senate Floor Leader Vinnie F. Sablan, House Minority Leader Angel Demapan, Speaker Ed Villagomez, Environmental Services, SP Dancoe & Associates, TurnKey Solutions, Bridge Capital, Island Image & Motion,

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ISLA was established in 2018 by a group of anglers that treat fishing as a way of life. The Mafuti Derby is restricted to the waters inside the Saipan lagoon and participating boats can't exceed 17 feet in length.

Hyundai Kona is hole-in-one for HANMI tourney

A 2022 Hyundai Kona from Triple J Motors awaits one lucky hole-in-one winner at the 20th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament on Sept. 17, 2022, at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort. The prize awaits at hole No. 13 of the resort's west course.



"We really appreciate the support of Triple J Motors every year at our HANMI tournament. They always provide an exciting vehicle for our players to dream about winning," said HANMI Golf Tournament Committee chair Juko Ishikawa. "The Kona is an SUV with style. We are hoping for one great hole-in-one drive so one of our players can also drive away with the Kona on the 17th."

Registration is sold out; a waiting list is available upon submission of a registration form at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort. For an additional \$30, players may also compete for optional play prizes, including longest drive (male and fe-

male), accurate drive, aggressive drive, and four chances for nearest to the pin.

Showtime on tournament day is 6am and the tournament

will have a shotgun start at 7am. The tournament format is Black Jack Double Peoria. The awards banquet and raffle will immediately follow the tournament at Laolao

Bay Golf & Resort.

For more information, contact tournament chair Juko Ishikawa at worldresort@pti-com.com or visit www.facebook.com/HANMI670. (PR)



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Triple J Motors New Car Sales manager Jasmine Matsumoto, fifth left, and company staff present a 2022 Hyundai Kona on Sept. 7, 2022, in Chalan Laulau, Saipan, as a hole-in-one prize for the 20th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament to be held on Sept. 17, 2022 at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort. From left, sales rep Brandon Santos, tournament committee member Catherine Perry, sales rep Jamie Barcinas, tournament committee member Max Concepcion, Matsumoto, tournament committee chair Juko Ishikawa, sales rep Marie Aldan, tournament committee member Das Krishnan, sales reps Julie Ogo and Sherman Santos, and marketing assistant Donna Pastula.

CAROL

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in the Atlantic Coast Conference with Lee taking a leap to elite status.

"I expect our team will be really competitive in the

tough ACC Conference. I think that Carol has a great chance to finish this upcoming season in the Top 5 in the nation in singles. She has a legitimate shot of being in consideration to win or reach the finals of the NCAA Singles Championship," he said.

Lee and Sharabura, who last season earned ITA All-American honors, went 22-6 overall last year and 17-3 in dual match play, mainly from the No. 1 position. The Yellow Jackets actually earned the No. 4 seed in the NCAA Doubles Championship and

finished the season ranked No. 5 nationally.

Georgia Tech opens the fall slate at the Debbie Southern Furman Fall Classic, from Sept. 16 to 18.

KRISHNAN

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the same in hole No. 18.

SGA will hold its 2022 September Ace of the Month Tournament this Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Coral Ocean Resort. Tee time is at 8:30am with show time at 8am.

ALL

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this November.

NMIBF president James Lee received the dozen balls from All-Star Sporting Goods

store manager Sidney Quan last Tuesday and welcomed the donation to supplement NMIBF's stock and help the federation in running the program.

"When we launched the junior national program, our goal

was to recruit as many players as we can, especially female players, and provide them with enough equipment and amenities for their training sessions and other activities. We are thankful to the All-Star Sporting Goods for their donation,

as this will assist us in our efforts to have continuity in our program," Lee said.

Meanwhile, Quan said All-Star Sporting Goods is happy to help local organizations, particularly those that provide programs for the youth.

"Our local community is always our No. 1 priority. We are happy to help our local athletes. We will take every opportunity we have to make a difference in our community," said Quan, whose company has also supported the Northern Marianas



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ITA PRESEASON RANKINGS

Carol and doubles partner are No. 1



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Carol Lee, left, and Georgia Tech
teammate Kate Sharabura have
recently been named the preseason top
women's doubles team by the Intercol-
legiate Tennis Association.

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her game. Her forehand and
transition game have really
taken off."

As for the whole team,

Harmon expects the Yel-
low Jackets' women's tennis
team to bring their A game

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Krishnan is August SGA Ace

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Das Krish-
nan won the
Saipan Golf
Association
Ace of the
Month Tournament for
August last Aug. 21 at the
Laolao Bay Golf & Resort
east course.

The Crowne Plaza Resort
Saipan F&B director shot
a net score of 72 to beat a
12-golfer field for the SGA
monthly tournament cham-
pionship.

The 10-handicapper
fired a gross score of 82
after shooting a 40 in the
front nine and a 42 in the
back nine.

With the win in the Au-
gust tourney, Krishnan now
joins Edward C. Sablan
(January), Frances M. Sa-
blan (February), Nick C.
Sablan (March), Larry I.
Deleon Guerrero (April),
Alex Tudela (May), Maria-
no Fajardo (June), and Rick
Kautz (July) in the season-
ending 2022 SGA Ace of
Aces tourney.

In the closest to the pin
competition, Krishnan was
without peer in holes No.
4 and 6, while Jung Eun

Teack won hole No. 11.
Veteran Nick Sablan topped
hole No. 15.

Rick Kautz brought the
lumber in the longest drive
competition in hole No. 3,
while Tony Benavente did

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CNMI's very own Carol Lee forms
half of the Intercollegiate Ten-
nis Association's No. 1-ranked
women's doubles team along with
Georgia Tech teammate Kate Sharabura.

In the latest preseason
rankings from ITA, Lee and
Sharabura are ranked No. 1 in
the whole country with another
Yellow Jackets women's
doubles team, Ava Hrstar
and Kylie Bilchev,
also making the Top
10 at No. 9.

In the preseason
singles rankings,
Georgia Tech placed
three Yellow Jackets in Lee
(No. 16), Bilchev (No. 73)
and Hrstar (No. 118).

As Georgia Tech's No. 1
player, Lee posted a 25-8
overall record and 18-5 dual
ledger last season. The all-
Atlantic Coast Conference
first team selection climbed
as high as No. 22 in the ITA
national rankings and earned

an at-large bid to the NCAA
Singles Championships.

Georgia Tech women's ten-
nis team coach Rodney Har-
mon couldn't be more proud
of what the Saipan Commu-
nity School alumnae
has achieved in her
time at Georgia Tech.

"Carol is doing
so great at Georgia
Tech. She is a joy to
work with and we are lucky
to have her," he said in a so-
cial media message to the
Saipan Tribune.

Harmon said Lee's recent
achievements are all a prod-
uct of her hard work and
dedication to improving in
the sport.

"She has worked so hard
and improved every area of



All-Star Sporting Goods donates balls for jr. women's program



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation president James Lee, left, receives one of the 12
basketball balls donated by All-Star Sporting Goods, represented by store manager Sidney Quan,
last Tuesday in Garapan.



The North-
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ana Islands
Basketball
Federation's

Women's Junior National
Program recently drew
support from a business
establishment that's been
known for helping local
community activities.

All-Star Sporting Goods
donated 12 basketballs to
the program, which was
launched early this year to
put together a pool of U15
players where the NMIBF
will select members of
national teams compet-
ing in international and
regional competitions. At
this time, the program has
girls and boys U15 play-
ers who are preparing to
represent the NMI to the
FIBA Under 15 Oceania
Championships in Guam

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